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AUTHOR'S NOTE

Thank you for reading my second Syd's World book collection, *A World Gone Bonkers*. During the making of this book, my life fell apart. *Bonkers* also marks two eras: the end of the Hipster Age and the beginning of the Post-Hipster Age. I was still a hipster when work on the first strips for this book collection began in Grand Rapids in December 2021. By the time the final strips were inked in July 2022, I was an ex-hipster living in Dearborn.

December 2021 and January 2022 were relatively quiet as work on the book went smoothly. February 2022 saw the sessions hit troubled waters for the first time: I got thrown out frequently; the realtor showed our then-current house in Grand Rapids (she left me donuts). However, during one of those forced leaves, I visited Holland for the first and only time and loved it. It turned out we were moving back to Dearborn; that marked the beginning of the end of the Hipster Age. In March 2022, I stayed at a hotel in Ann Arbor (A2) where "Lilly The Lifeguard" (story 8) was made.

As work progressed, we had to downsize our lifestyles: my folks forced me to give away most of my record collection to Goodwill in GR. The record collection was my heart and soul; I became empty after giving most of it away. Losing my records turned out to be a devastating blow. To this day, I'm still angry at my folks (they forced me to part with most of my records) for ever making me do that. My Catholic altar also fell victim to downsizing: I chose not to start a new one and have returned to a less-religious lifestyle after moving back to Dearborn on May 9, 2022. I ended up completeing around half of *A World Gone Bonkers* in Grand Rapids: stories 1-7 and stories 9-12.

After moving back to Dearborn, where I finished stories 13-20 for this book, my sister was the next to move: she left Ypsilanti to settle in Farmington Hills (I suspected the long commute was the final straw). Finally, on June 30, 2022, my cousin and his family were leaving Royal Oak for Rochester, fittingly marking the end of the Hipster Age that had dominated the last decade. The Post-Hipster Age began on July 1, 2022, and 22 days later, I finished *Bonkers* with triumph despite the upheaval behind-the-scenes. *A World Gone Bonkers* represents the final statement from the first incarnation of GranchArt.

-Nick Granch (age 32 as of this writing)

MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

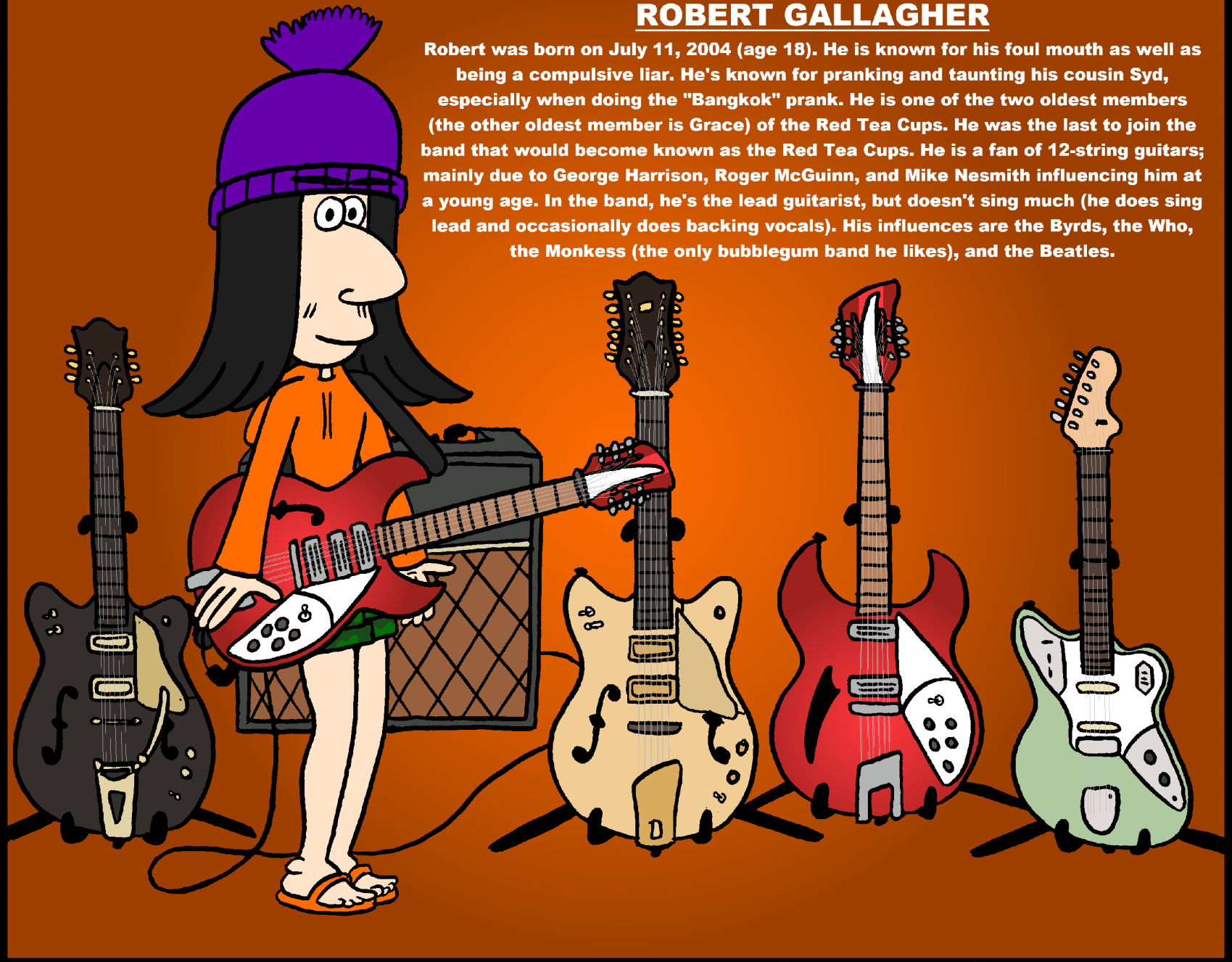
ALEX GALLAGHER

Alex was born on September 17, 2005 (age 16). He has two brothers (Syd and Arvin) and three sisters (Holly, Eileen, and Grace). He enjoys hard work and discipline and wouldn't tolerate Syd and Holly's misbehavior. He and his cousin Mark are the co-leaders of the Red Tea Cups. In the band, he's the rhythm guitarist; he sings lead without a guitar (Syd takes over the role), whenever certain songs don't have a keyboard or perucssion. Alex's influences are the Beatles, R.E.M., Big Star, and the Raspberries. Alex's other band is Chronic Town with his cousin Baxter, and their friends Morton, Penelope, and Sharlene (Alex's girlfriend).

MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

ROBERT GALLAGHER

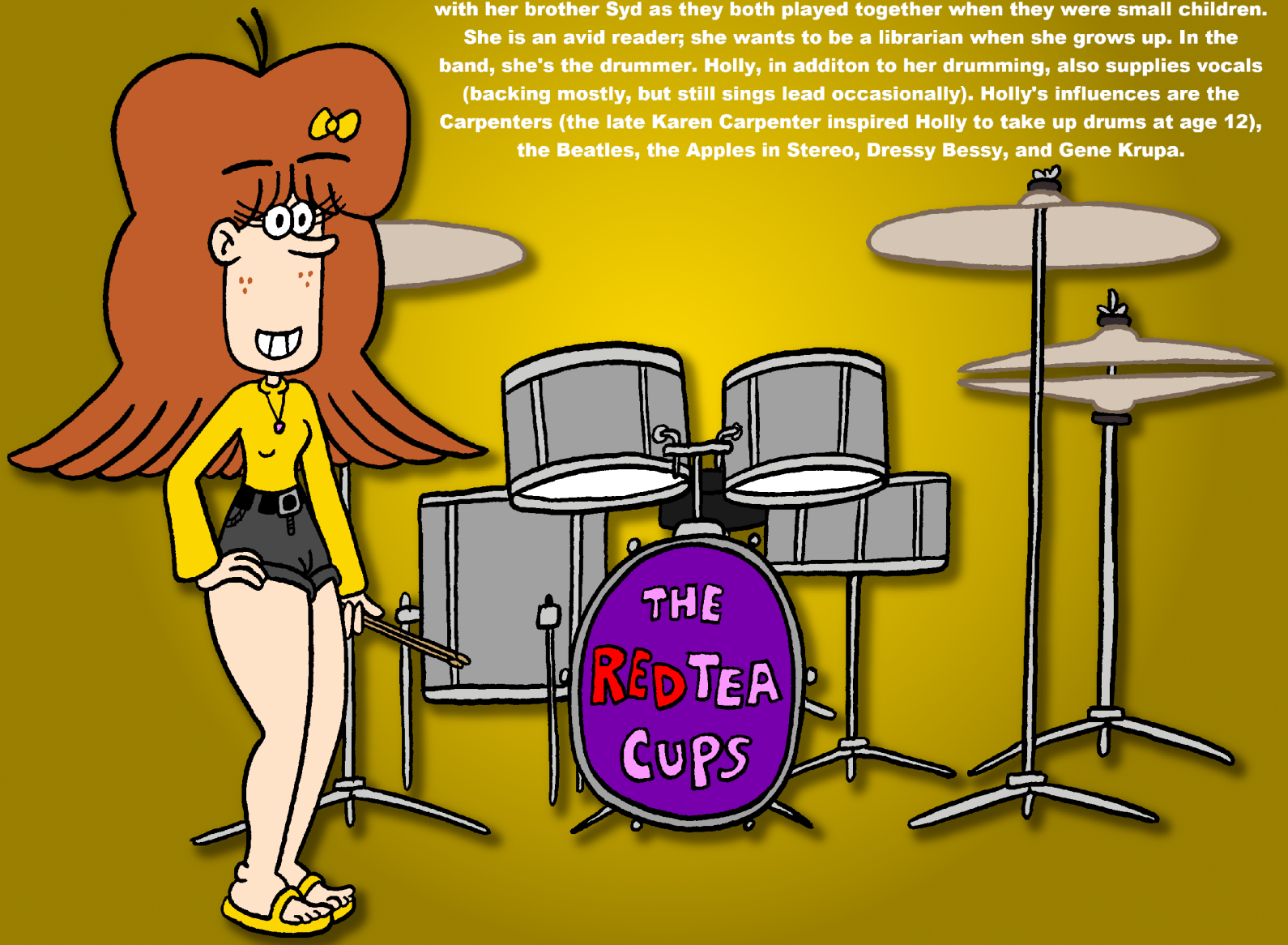
Robert was born on July 11, 2004 (age 18). He is known for his foul mouth as well as being a compulsive liar. He's known for pranking and taunting his cousin Syd, especially when doing the "Bangkok" prank. He is one of the two oldest members (the other oldest member is Grace) of the Red Tea Cups. He was the last to join the band that would become known as the Red Tea Cups. He is a fan of 12-string guitars; mainly due to George Harrison, Roger McGuinn, and Mike Nesmith influencing him at a young age. In the band, he's the lead guitarist, but doesn't sing much (he does sing lead and occasionally does backing vocals). His influences are the Byrds, the Who, the Monkess (the only bubblegum band he likes), and the Beatles.



MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

HOLLY GALLAGHER

Holly was born on September 23, 2007 (age 14). She enjoys camping with her family and friends, and loves pulling pranks on her brothers. She is very close with her brother Syd as they both played together when they were small children. She is an avid reader; she wants to be a librarian when she grows up. In the band, she's the drummer. Holly, in additon to her drumming, also supplies vocals (backing mostly, but still sings lead occasionally). Holly's influences are the Carpenters (the late Karen Carpenter inspired Holly to take up drums at age 12), the Beatles, the Apples in Stereo, Dressy Bessy, and Gene Krupa.



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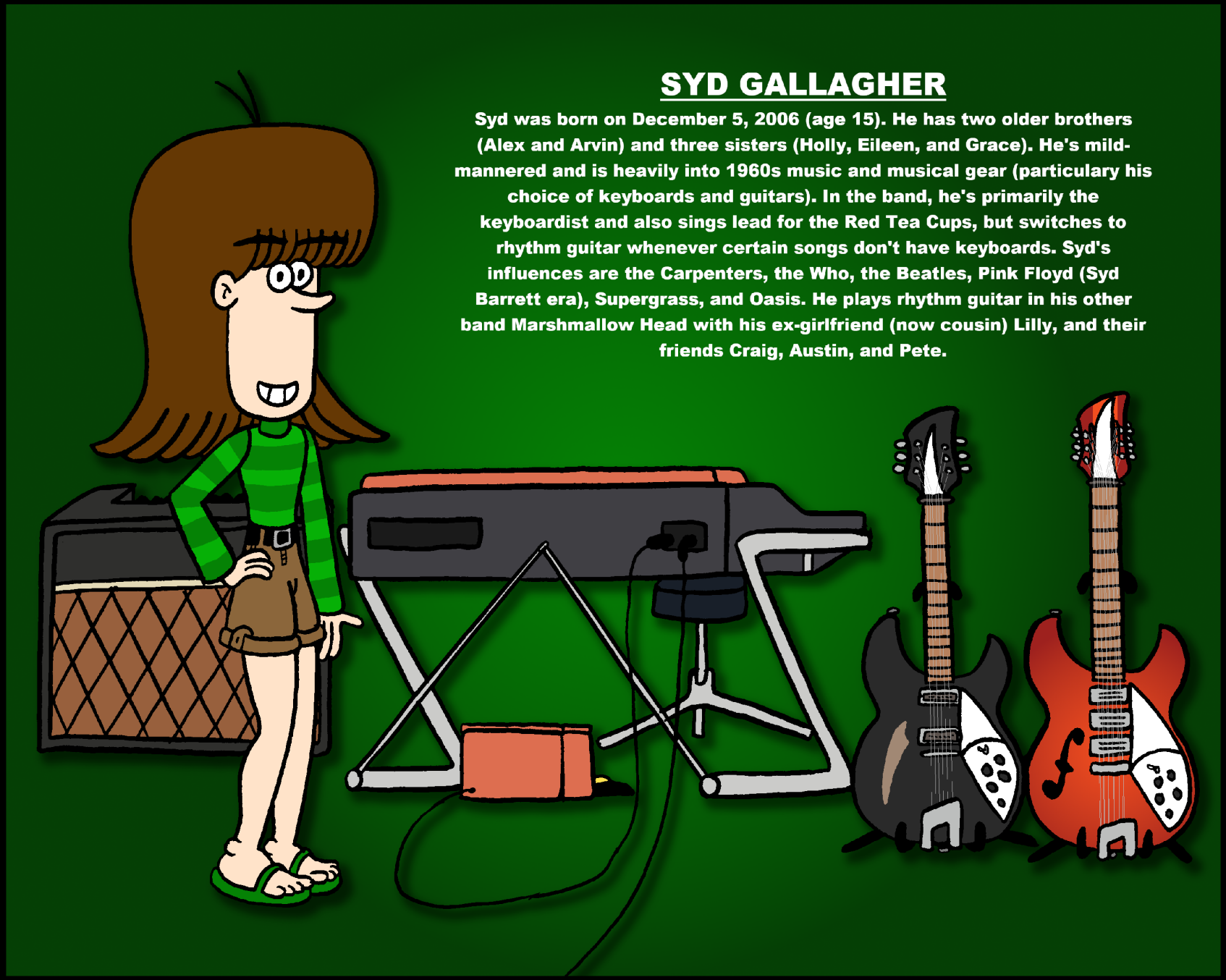

SYD GALLAGHER

Syd was born on December 5, 2006 (age 15). He has two older brothers (Alex and Arvin) and three sisters (Holly, Eileen, and Grace). He's mild-mannered and is heavily into 1960s music and musical gear (particulary his choice of keyboards and guitars). In the band, he's primarily the keyboardist and also sings lead for the Red Tea Cups, but switches to rhythm guitar whenever certain songs don't have keyboards. Syd's influences are the Carpenters, the Who, the Beatles, Pink Floyd (Syd Barrett era), Supergrass, and Oasis. He plays rhythm guitar in his other band Marshmallow Head with his ex-girlfriend (now cousin) Lilly, and their friends Craig, Austin, and Pete.

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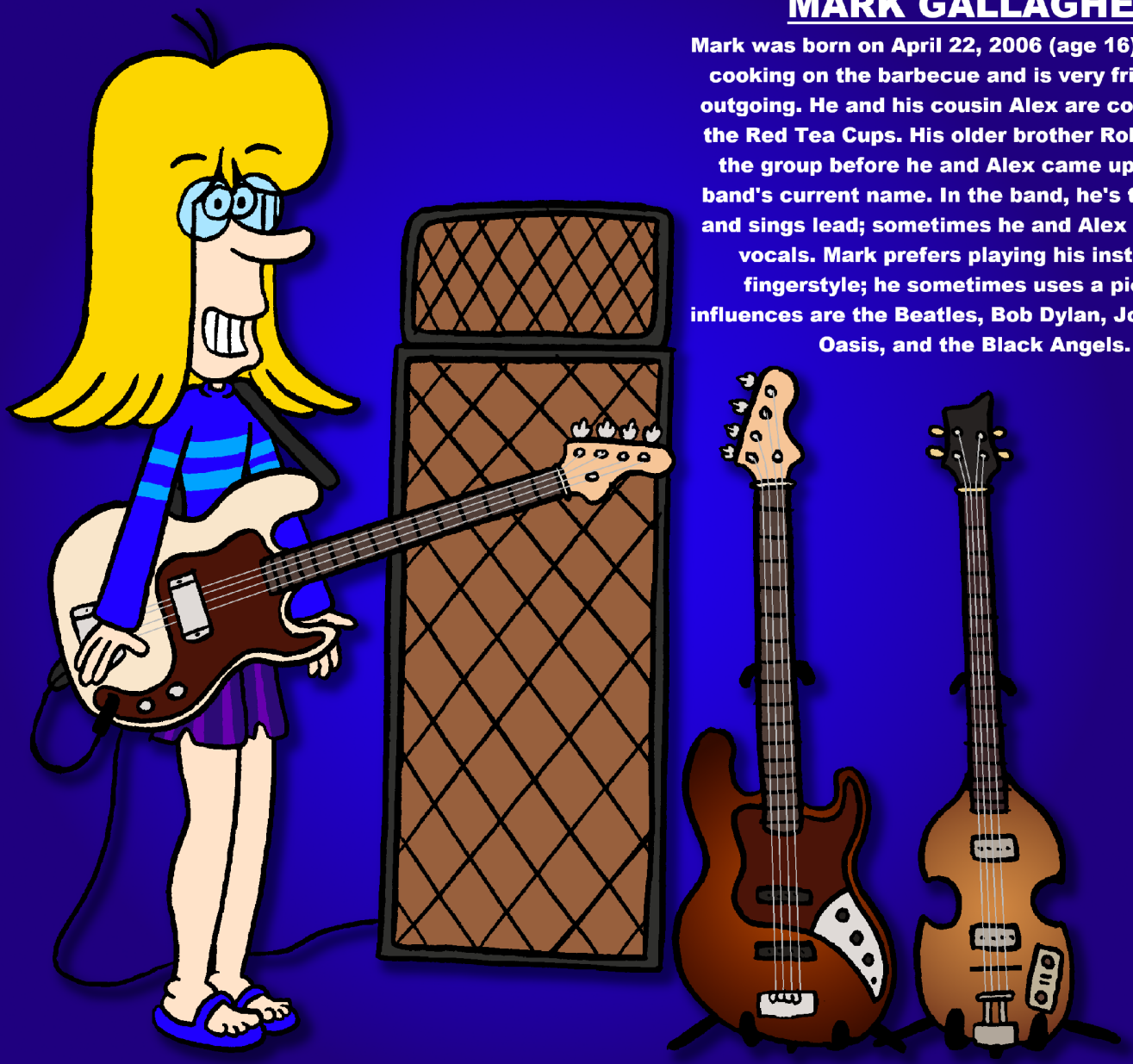

MARK GALLAGHER

Mark was born on April 22, 2006 (age 16). He enjoys cooking on the barbecue and is very friendly and outgoing. He and his cousin Alex are co-leaders of the Red Tea Cups. His older brother Robert joined the group before he and Alex came up with the band's current name. In the band, he's the bassist and sings lead; sometimes he and Alex share lead vocals. Mark prefers playing his instrument fingerstyle; he sometimes uses a pick. His influences are the Beatles, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Oasis, and the Black Angels.

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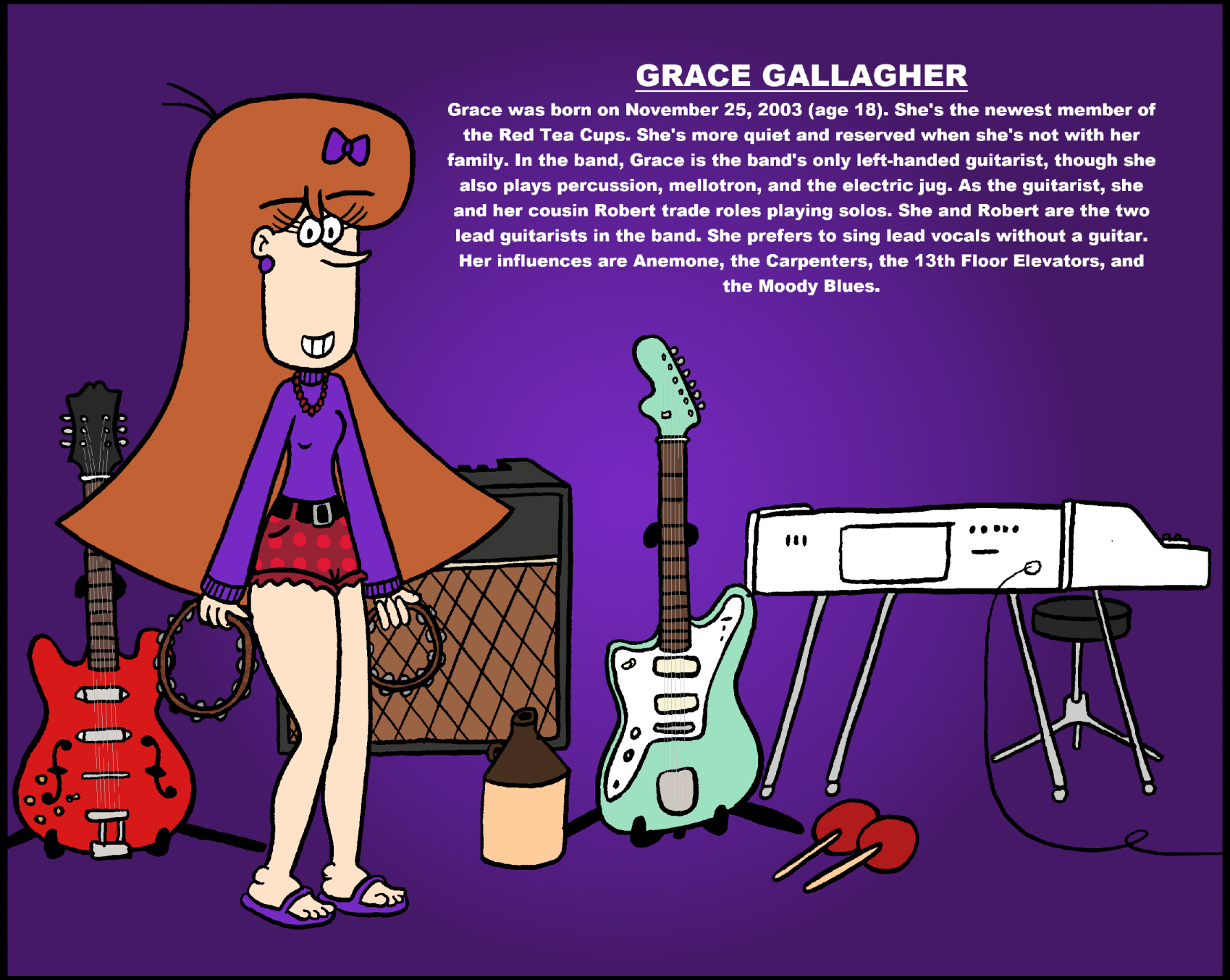


GRACE GALLAGHER

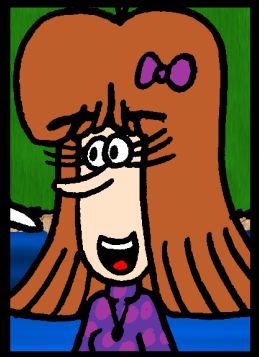
Grace was born on November 25, 2003 (age 18). She's the newest member of the Red Tea Cups. She's more quiet and reserved when she's not with her family. In the band, Grace is the band's only left-handed guitarist, though she also plays percussion, mellotron, and the electric jug. As the guitarist, she and her cousin Robert trade roles playing solos. She and Robert are the two lead guitarists in the band. She prefers to sing lead vocals without a guitar. Her influences are Anemone, the Carpenters, the 13th Floor Elevators, and the Moody Blues.

MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

AARON CHAPLIN
Age 22

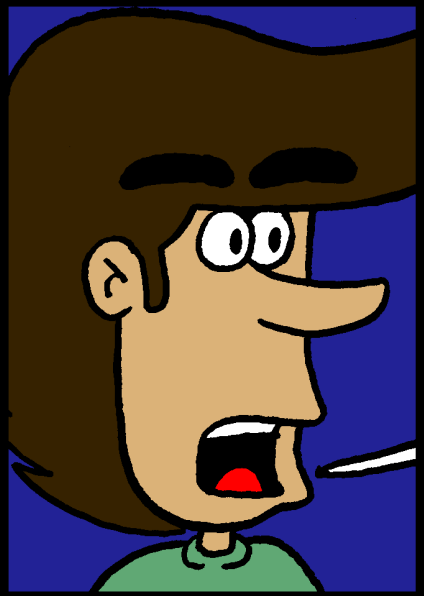
ALFIE
Age 5

ALICE GALLAGHER
Oldest daughter of Vince and Jackie
Age 19



ALYSSA GALLAGHER
Middle daughter of Vince and Jackie
Age 15

AMY CHAPLIN
Age 18



ANTON MARTINEZ
Older brother of Shirley
Age 26

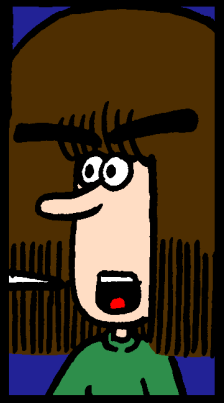
ARVIN GALLAGHER
Oldest son of Bruce and Marie
Age 19

AUSTIN HARRIS
Brother of DeShawn and Sharlene
Age 16

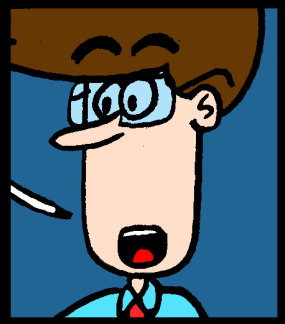
AYAKO ENDO
Sister of Vicky
Age 18

MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

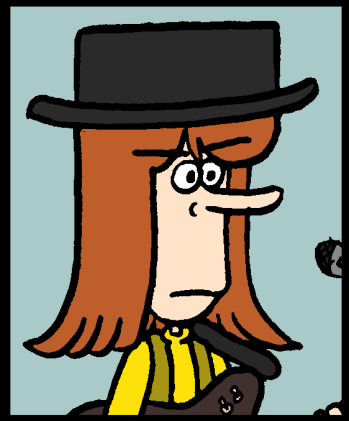
BAXTER McNAMARA
Age 16



BOUDEWIJN VAN DIJK
Age 22



BRUCE GALLAGHER
Marie's husband
Age 43



BUTCH KRAKOWSKI
Age 20

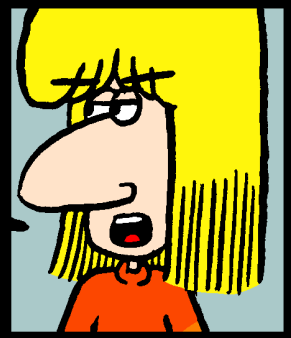
CASSIE MORRISON
Age 25

CHARLES PALLADINO
Age 27

CLARA CHAPLIN
Age 23

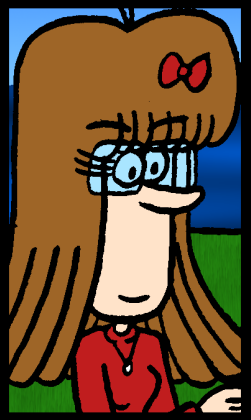
CONNOR McNAMARA
Age 17

CRAIG MORRISON
Younger brother of Ryan and Jen
Age 16



CRANDALL MORRISON
Older brother of Craig
Age 21

MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS



CRYSTAL GUNTER
Age 19

DENNIS PALLADINO
Older brother of Charles
Age 38

DeSHAWN HARRIS
Older brother of Sharlene and Austin
Age 22

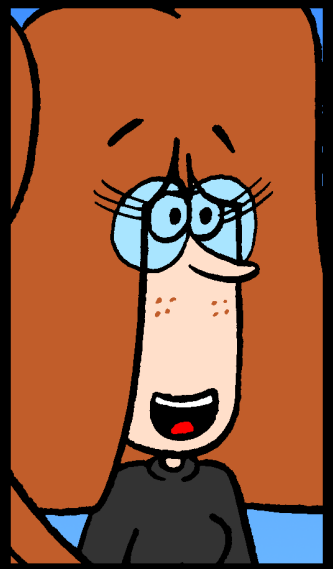
DIAMOND KRAKOWSKI
Younger sister of Butch
Age 19

DONALD FULTON
Age 22

DOUG McNAMARA
Age 19

DRIKA VAN DIJK
Age 21

EDWARD McNAMARA
Brother of Joan
Age 24



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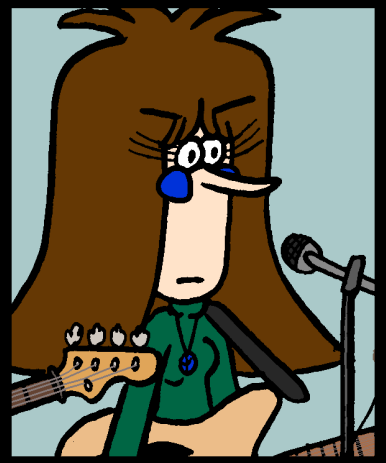
Middle daughter of Bruce and Marie
Age 17



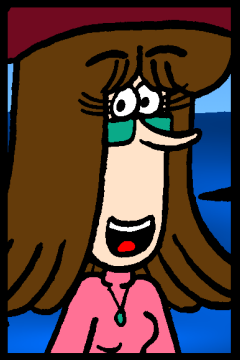
ELWEN McNAMARA
Age 18

MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

EMMA PALLADINO
Age 24

ERICA KRAKOWSKI
Age 24

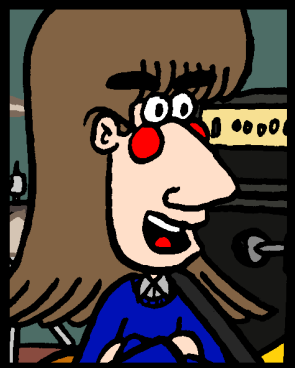
ERIKA McNAMARA
Age 16



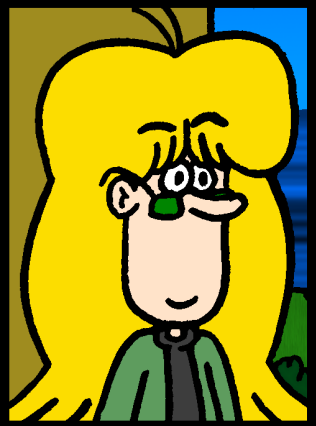
FRANCOISE LONGET
Michele's twin sister
Age 18

FRANK FULTON
Age 21

GEERT VAN DIJK
Age 20



GEOFF CHAPLIN
Age 20



GREGORY KRAKOWSKI
Age 26

HAMISH FULTON
Age 23

INES MARTINEZ
Age 15

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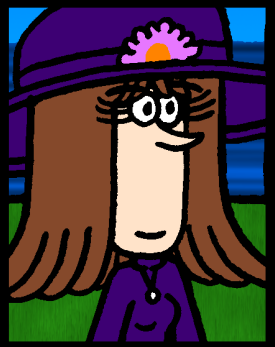
MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

IRENE GALLAGHER
Youngest daughter of Vince and Jackie
Age 13



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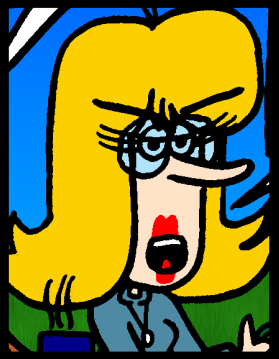
Age 21



JACKIE GALLAGHER
Vince's wife
Age 43

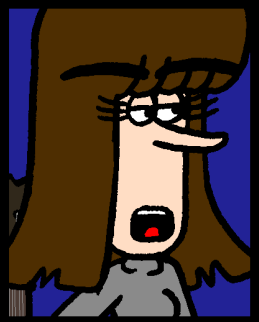
JACOB KRAKOWSKI
Age 25

JAMAL SMITH
Monique's younger brother
Age 15

JAMES McNAMARA
Age 17

JEN MORRISON
Ryan's sister
Age 19

JENNY MARTINEZ
Age 16



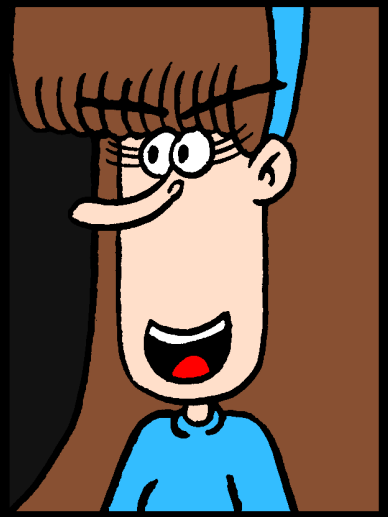
JILL VAN DIJK
Age 20

MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

JOAN McNAMARA
Edward's sister
Age 23

JOE HARRIS
Father of DeShawn, Sharlene, and Austin
Age 52

KATIE FULTON
Age 21



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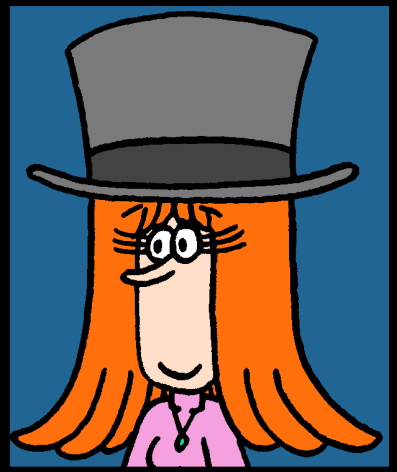
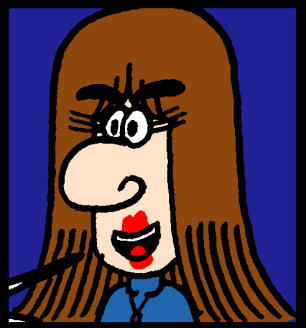
Age 15



LILLY McNAMARA
Syd's cousin-in-law
Age 15



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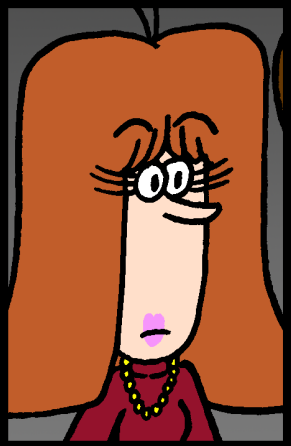
Dennis' wife
Age 33



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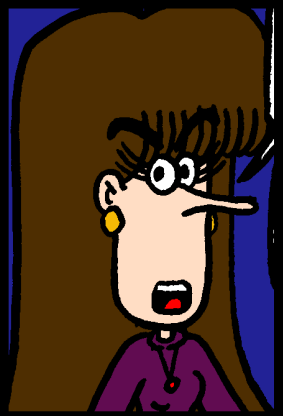
Bruce's wife
Age 41

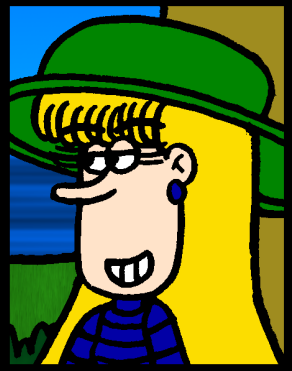


MARIEKE VAN DIJK
Age 23

MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

MARY McNAMARA
Ruth's twin sister
Age 18

MATILDA CHAPLIN
Age 21



MELISSA KRAKOWSKI
Age 27

MELVIN GALLAGHER
Age 17

MICHELE LONGET
Francoise's twin sister
Age 18

MISAKI WATANABE
Age 16

MONIQUE SMITH
Older sister of Jamal
Age 16

MORTON GUNTER
Penelope's twin brother
Age 17

NADINA PALLADINO
Age 25

PAULA MARTINEZ
Age 20

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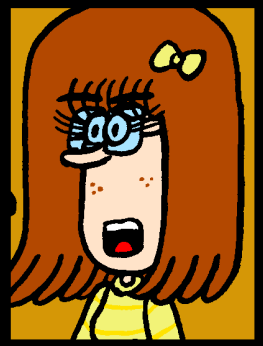

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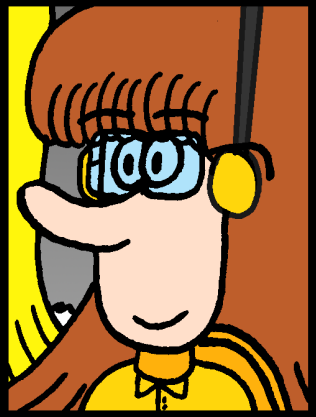
Morton's twin sister
Age 17



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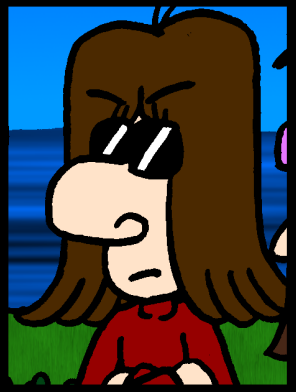
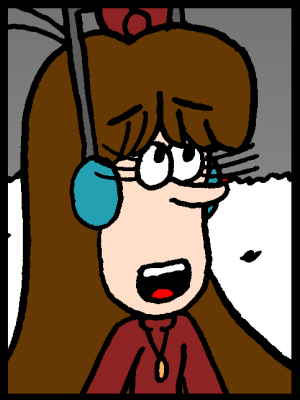


RICK KRAKOWSKI
Age 23

RINUS VAN DIJK
Age 24

RODNEY MARTINEZ
Age 17



RUBY McNAMARA
Elwen's sister
Age 7

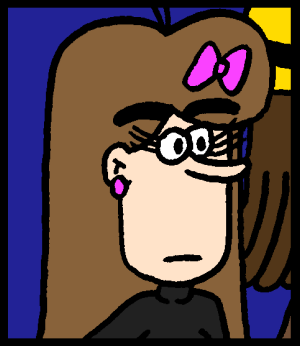
RUTH McNAMARA
Mary's twin sister
Age 18

RYAN MORRISON
Jen's older brother
Age 24

SANDY HARRIS
Younger sister of DeShawn, Austin, and Sharlene
Age 15

SARA LONGET
Age 15

MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS



SHANNON McNAMARA
Age 21

SHARLENE HARRIS
Alex's girlfriend
Sister of DeShawn, Austin, and Sandy
Age 16

SHIRLEY FULTON
Age 20

SHIRLEY MARTINEZ
Anton's sister
Age 24

T.P. MORRISON
Father of Cassie, Ryan, Crandall, Jen, Craig, Kristen, and Cooper
Age 48

VICKY ENDO
Sister of Ayako and Wendy
Age 16

VINCE GALLAGHER
Brother of Bruce, Husband of Jackie
Age 45

WENDY ENDO
Sister of Ayako and Vicky
Age 15

WILLIAM CHAPLIN
Age 19

THE LIST OF STORIES

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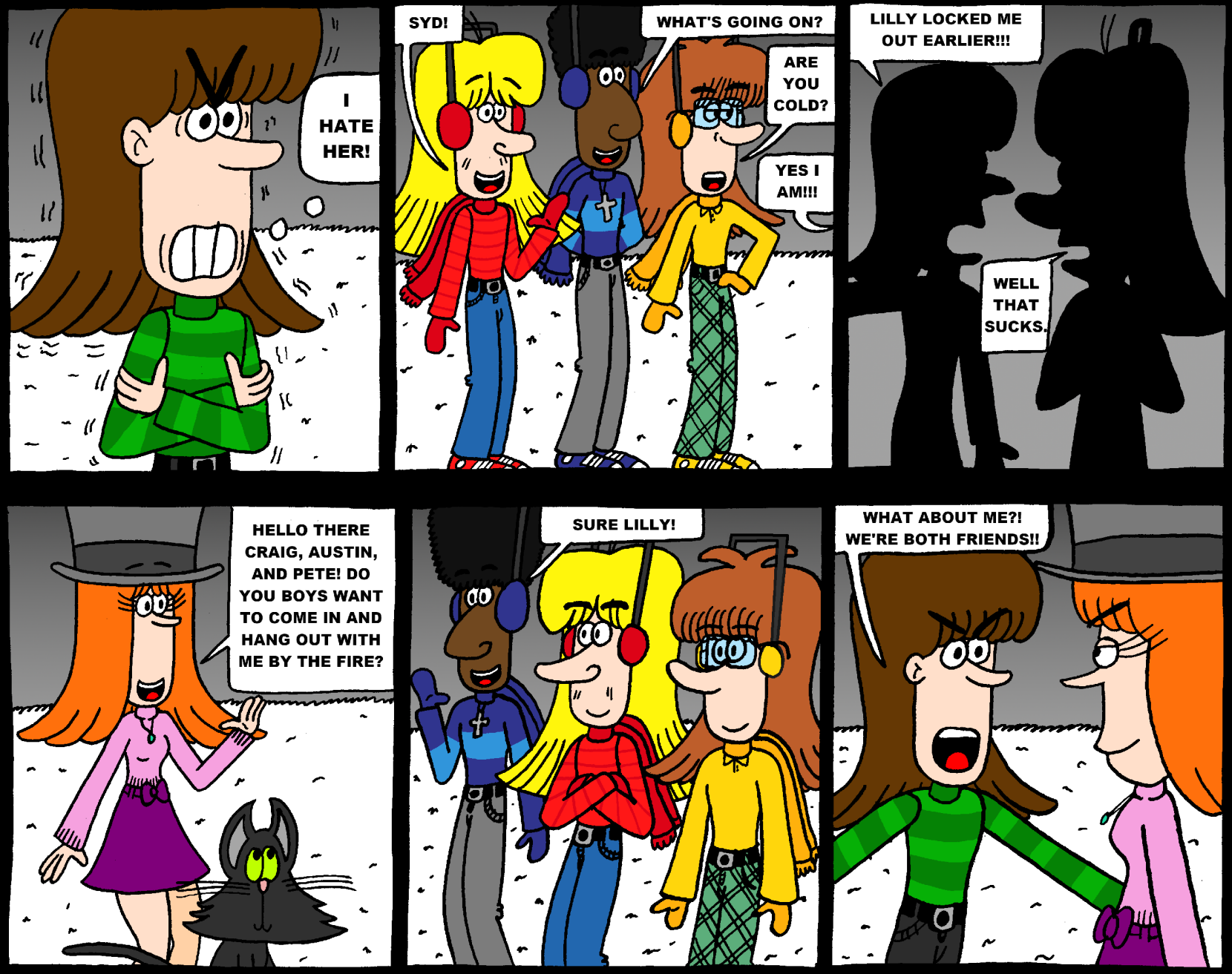
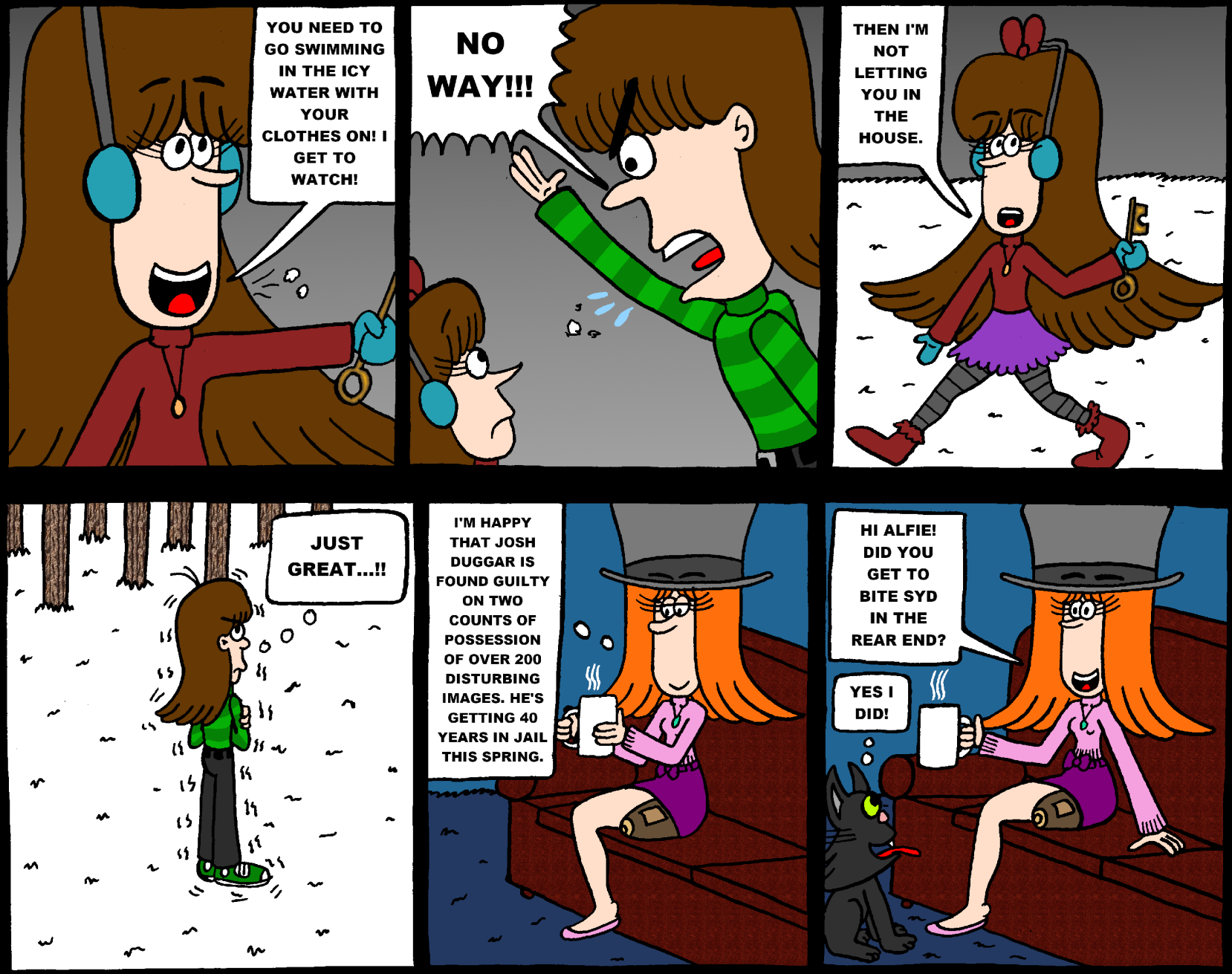
HEY SYD!
HEY SYD!
HEY SYD!
WHAT DO YOU WANT, LILLY?
I'M WEARING THIS NEW MINISKIRT THAT I GOT THIS PAST CHRISTMAS!
WHY ARE YOU HAPPY WEARING A MINI, LILLY?
BECAUSE I PREFER SHORTER HEMLINES AND I LOOK CUTE IN A SHORT SKIRT.
YOU'RE GONNA ATTRACT THE WRONG TYPE OF PEOPLE WITH THAT SKIRT, LILLY!

WILL YOU FOLLOW ME TO THE DOOR?
OKAY...
I LEFT SOMETHING OUTDOORS.
LILLY, I DON'T SEE ANY...
SLAM!
HA! HA!
HEY!
REALLY?!! IS THAT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

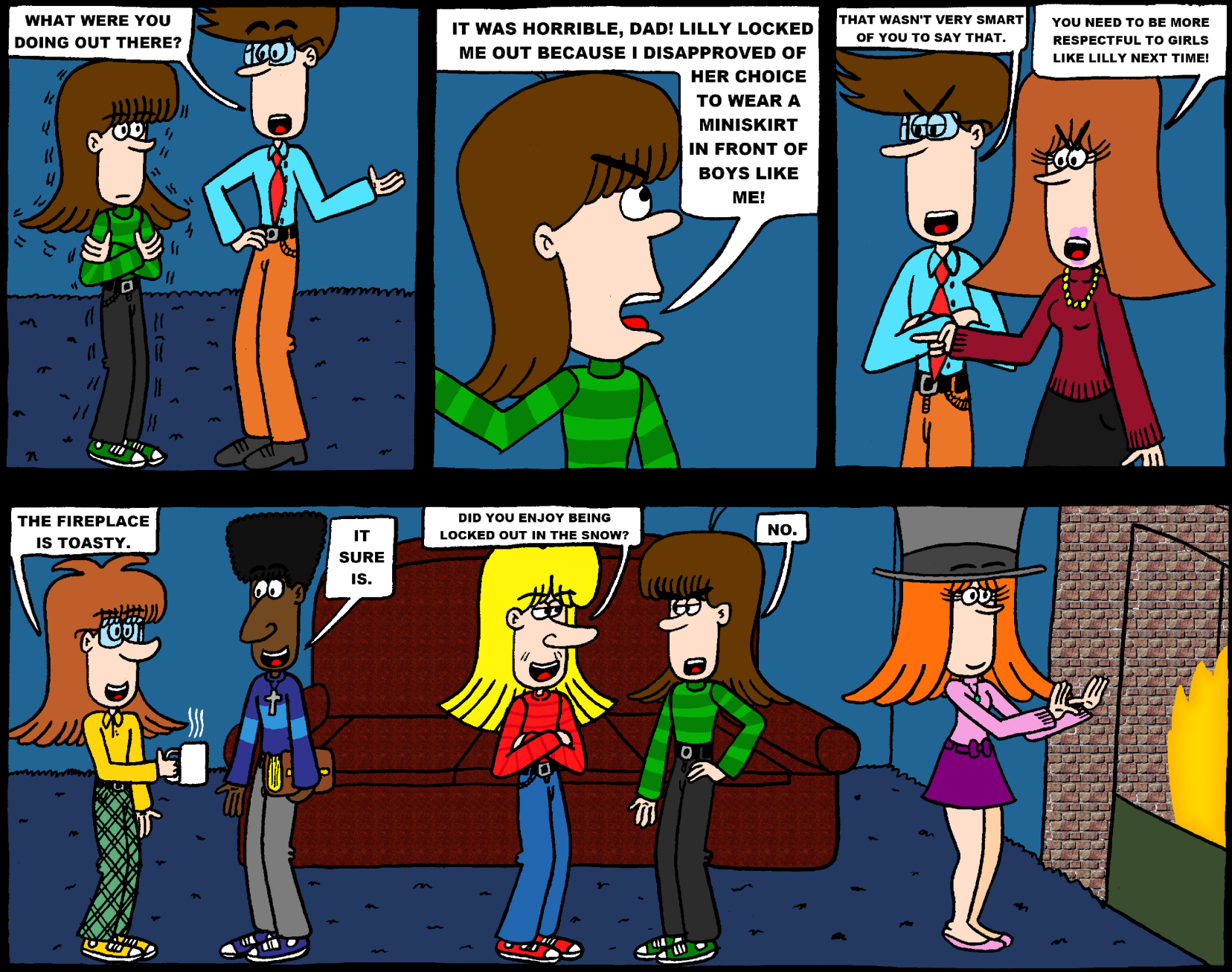
I'LL JUST USE THE BACK DOOR TO GET IN!!
NOT TODAY, SYD.
NYAH, NYAH, NYAH, NYAH, NYAH!
GRRRRRRR!!!!
YOU PIECE OF S#*%!!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
LILLY, YOU GOT FIVE SECONDS TO OPEN THIS DOOR, OR ELSE I'LL END YOU!!!
BAM BAM
SYD, YOU SEXUALLY OBJECTIFIED ME JUST BECAUSE I WEAR A MINISKIRT! I'M NOT LETTING YOU BACK INSIDE!


I HATE HER!
SYD!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
ARE YOU COLD?
YES I AM!!!
LILLY LOCKED ME OUT EARLIER!!!
WELL THAT SUCKS.
HELLO THERE CRAIG, AUSTIN, AND PETE! DO YOU BOYS WANT TO COME IN AND HANG OUT WITH ME BY THE FIRE?
SURE LILLY!
WHAT ABOUT ME?! WE'RE BOTH FRIENDS!!

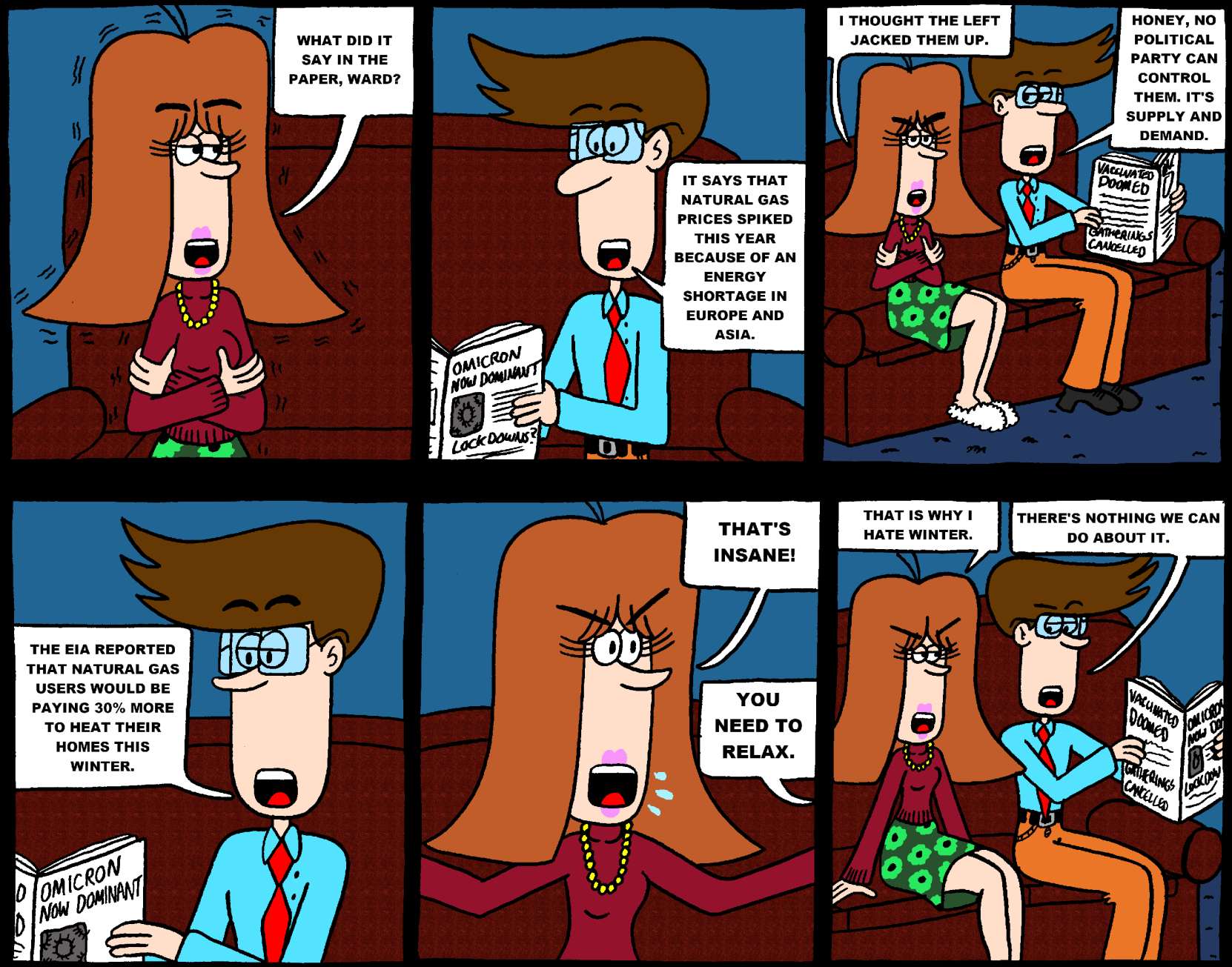
ALFIE, WILL YOU GO ATTACK SYD IN THE FOREST FOR ME PLEASE?
DON'T LISTEN TO HER!
ROOOOOAA-AARR!!!
F$@# YOU, LILLY!!!
ROOOOOAAA-AARRRRR!!!!
20 MINUTES LATER...
THE CLOUDS LOOK MENACING ALREADY!
UM... WHY ARE YOU FREEZING SYD?
YOUR SISTER LILLY LOCKED ME OUT, RUBY!
I HAVE THE KEY TO THE HOUSE! BUT, YOU HAVE TO DO ONE THING FOR ME.


YOU NEED TO GO SWIMMING IN THE ICY WATER WITH YOUR CLOTHES ON! I GET TO WATCH!
NO WAY!!!
THEN I'M NOT LETTING YOU IN THE HOUSE.
JUST GREAT...!!
I'M HAPPY THAT JOSH DUGGAR IS FOUND GUILTY ON TWO COUNTS OF POSSESSION OF OVER 200 DISTURBING IMAGES. HE'S GETTING 40 YEARS IN JAIL THIS SPRING.
HI ALFIE! DID YOU GET TO BITE SYD IN THE REAR END?
YES I DID!

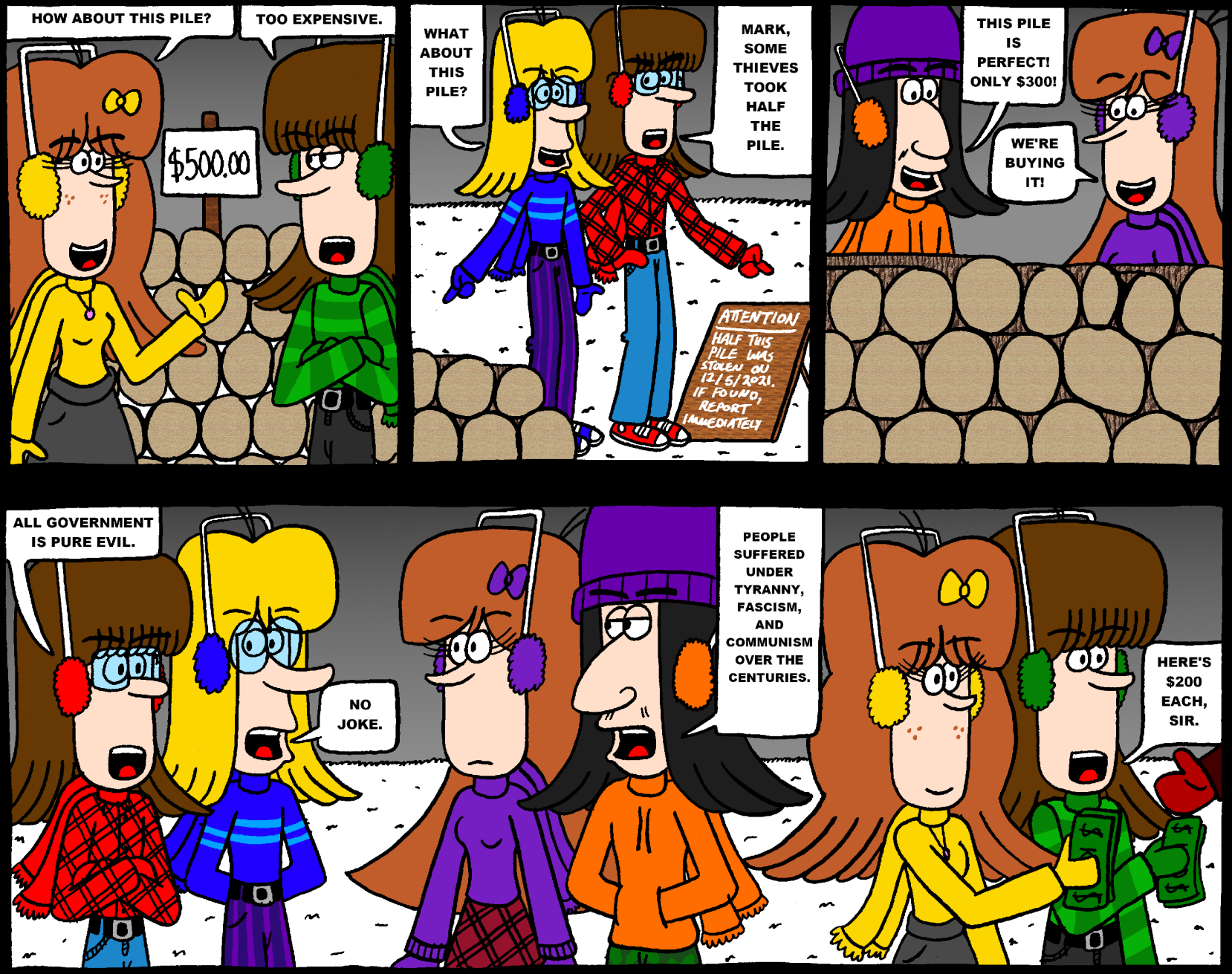
WARD, SOME-BODY'S FREEZING OUTSIDE.
IS HE HOME-LESS?
I THINK SO.
HE LOOKS LIKE OUR OWN SON SYD.
THAT IS OUR SON!
IT'S ALMOST DARK OUT, AND LILLY STILL WON'T LET ME INSIDE THE HOUSE!
SYD! WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?! IT'S FREEZ-ING OUTSIDE!
MOM? DAD? YES! I'M SAVED!


WHAT WERE YOU DOING OUT THERE?
IT WAS HORRIBLE, DAD! LILLY LOCKED ME OUT BECAUSE I DISAPPROVED OF HER CHOICE TO WEAR A MINISKIRT IN FRONT OF BOYS LIKE ME!
THAT WASN'T VERY SMART OF YOU TO SAY THAT.
YOU NEED TO BE MORE RESPECTFUL TO GIRLS LIKE LILLY NEXT TIME!
THE FIREPLACE IS TOASTY.
IT SURE IS.
DID YOU ENJOY BEING LOCKED OUT IN THE SNOW?
NO.

SYD, YOUR PARENTS TOLD US THAT YOU NEED TO BE MORE RESPECTFUL TO LILLY.
I AGREE.
START BEING SUBMISSIVE TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND LILLY, SYD.
SHUT UP!
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE LOCKED OUT AFTER YOU SEXUALLY OBJECTIFIED ME FOR WEARING A MINISKIRT, SYD?
YOU'RE A PSYCHOPATH, LILLY!!!
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
I'M GONNA POUR GASOLINE ON YOU, SYD!
WHAT?!!
OH, HELL NO!!!
THAT'S DANGEROUS!
GAS
YOU'RE INSANE LILLY!!!


WHAT DID IT SAY IN THE PAPER, WARD?
IT SAYS THAT NATURAL GAS PRICES SPIKED THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF AN ENERGY SHORTAGE IN EUROPE AND ASIA.
OMICRON NOW DOMINANT
LOCKDOWNS?
I THOUGHT THE LEFT JACKED THEM UP.
HONEY, NO POLITICAL PARTY CAN CONTROL THEM. IT'S SUPPLY AND DEMAND.
VACCINATED DOOMED
GATHERINGS CANCELLED
THE EIA REPORTED THAT NATURAL GAS USERS WOULD BE PAYING 30% MORE TO HEAT THEIR HOMES THIS WINTER.
OMICRON NOW DOMINANT
THAT'S INSANE!
YOU NEED TO RELAX.
THAT IS WHY I HATE WINTER.
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.
VACCINATED DOOMED
GATHERINGS CANCELLED

I BET WE WASTE PROPANE A LOT TO HEAT THIS CABIN.
HONEY, WE DON'T USE PROPANE.
ALL THE CABINS RUN ON OFF-GRID SOLAR AND WIND POWER FOUR OUR ELECTRICITY NEEDS. FOR OUR HEATING AND COOKING NEEDS, WE RELY ON WOOD STOVES.
WHERE ARE THE KIDS?
I SENT THEM OUT TO COLLECT WOOD SINCE WE'RE SHORT ON SUPPLY.
WE NEED TO COLLECT FIREWOOD FOR THE CABIN.
BUT WHERE DO WE START?
CAN WE USE IT FOR THE BONFIRE?
NO, WE'RE NOT, HOLLY.
AT LEAST WE HAVE PLENTY OF WOOD.
WE USE IT A LOT OVER THE CENTURIES.


HOW ABOUT THIS PILE?
TOO EXPENSIVE.
$500.00
WHAT ABOUT THIS PILE?
MARK, SOME THIEVES TOOK HALF THE PILE.
ATTENTION
HALF THIS PILE WAS STOLEN ON 12/5/2021. IF FOUND, REPORT IMMEDIATELY
THIS PILE IS PERFECT! ONLY $300!
WE'RE BUYING IT!
ALL GOVERNMENT IS PURE EVIL.
NO JOKE.
PEOPLE SUFFERED UNDER TYRANNY, FASCISM, AND COMMUNISM OVER THE CENTURIES.
HERE'S $200 EACH, SIR.

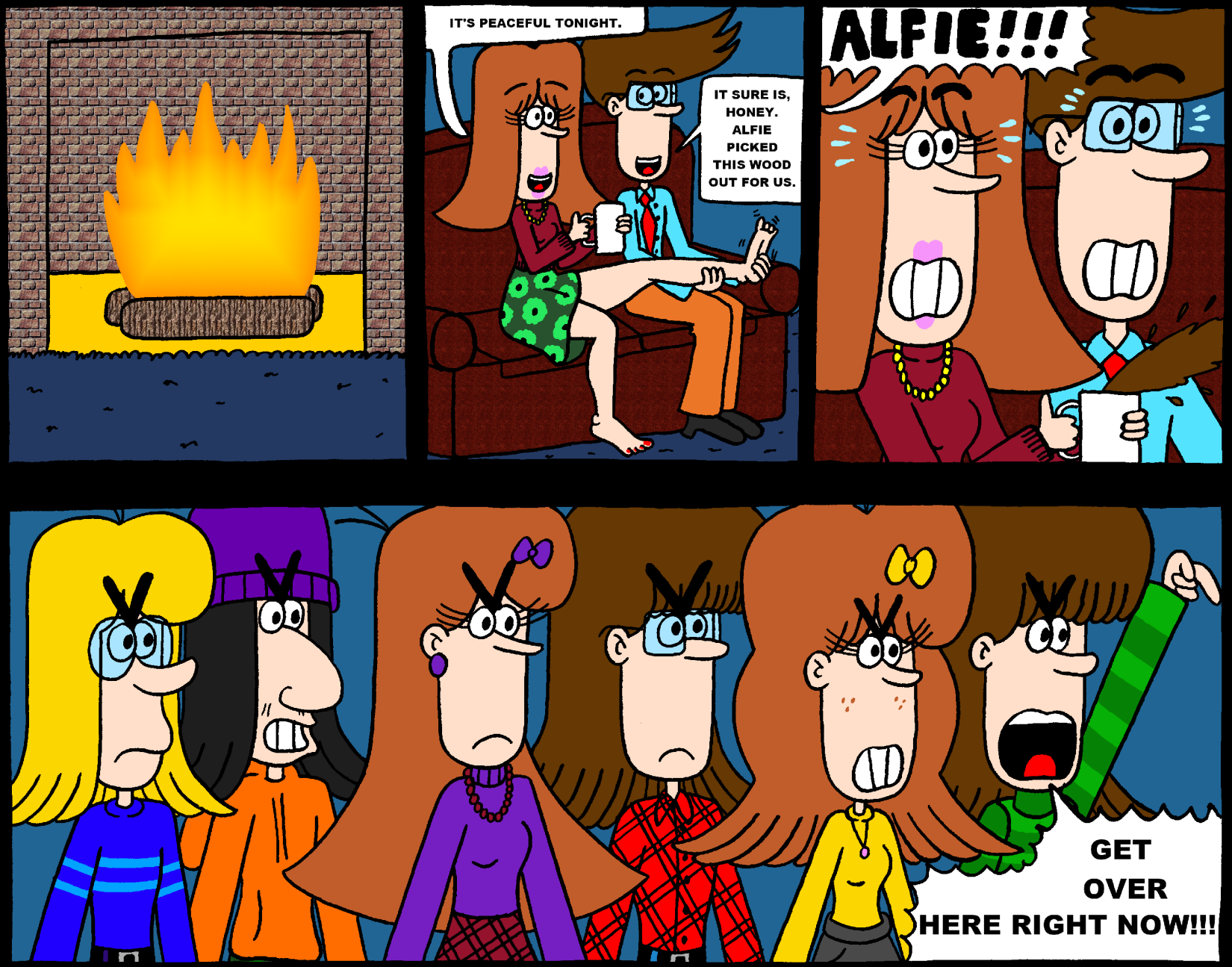
NOTHING BEATS HAVING HOT CHOCOLATE OUTDOORS.
THIS IS FUN BEING OUT.

OUR TWO WAGONS FULL OF WOOD GOT STOLEN.
WHAT?!!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! ALL THE WOOD IS MINE!

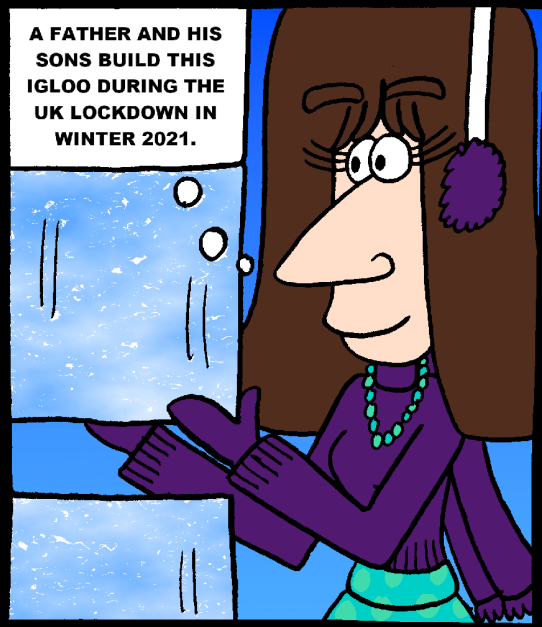
I STOLE THESE TWO WAGONS FULL OF WOOD, AND I'M GIVING THEM TO YOU.
GOOD BOY, ALFIE!

FIND THE WOOD!!!
RELAX ALEX! THE WOOD'S AROUND SOME-WHERE.
WHO TOOK THE WOOD?!
I DON'T KNOW!
GUYS, GRACE FOUND WAGON TRACKS AND CAT PRINTS IN THE SNOW!
THOSE CAT PAW PRINTS BELONG TO ALFIE.
WHAT?!!
THOSE FOOTPRINTS ARE INDEED ALFIE'S.
MEANWHILE...
THANKS FOR GETTING THE FIRE GOING, ALFIE!
MEOW!
YOU'RE WELCOME, MASTER!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
MY LEGS FEEL WARM...

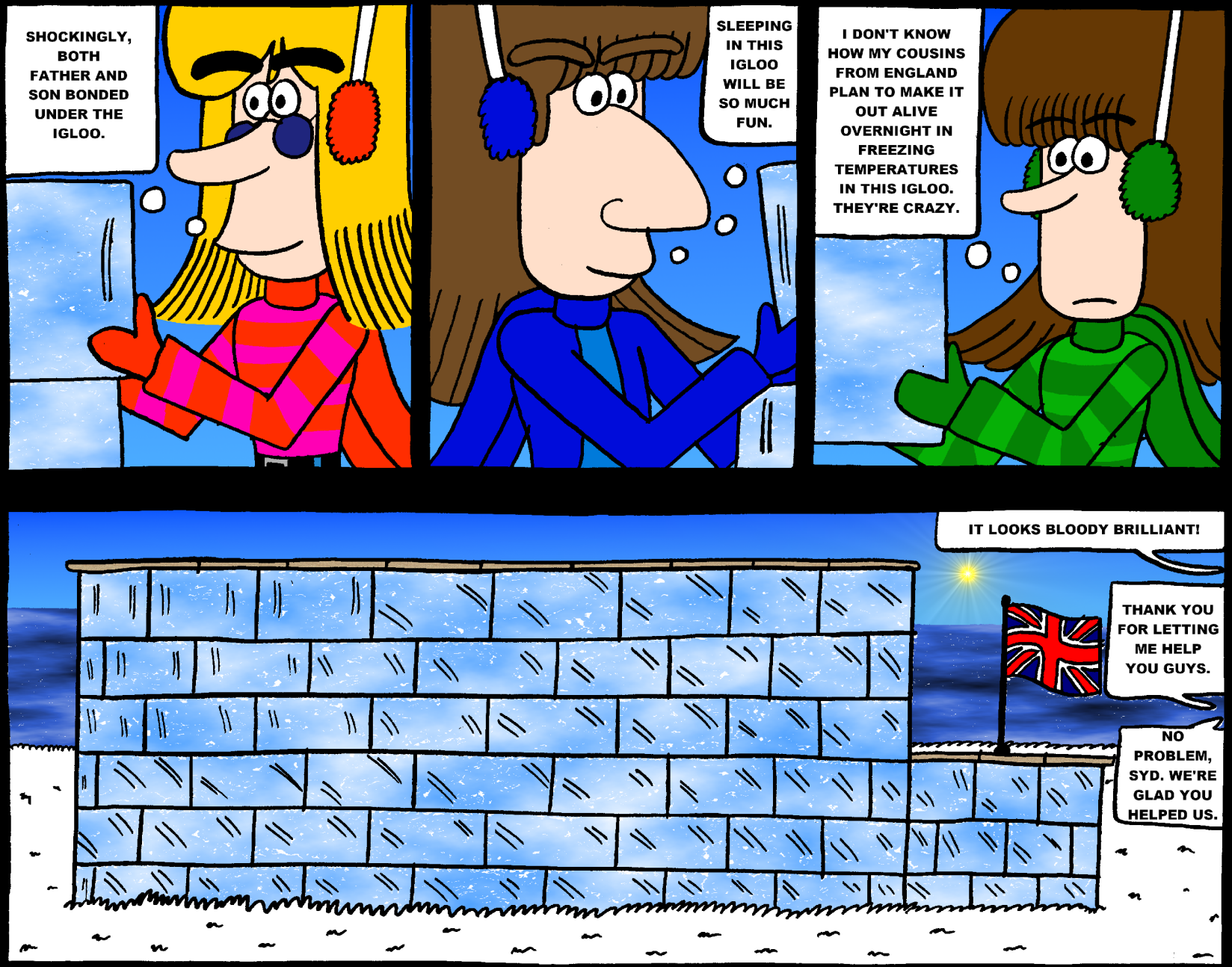

IT'S PEACEFUL TONIGHT.
IT SURE IS, HONEY. ALFIE PICKED THIS WOOD OUT FOR US.
ALFIE!!!
GET OVER HERE RIGHT NOW!!!

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
WE'RE BUILDING AN IGLOO, SYD.
WE'RE PLANNING TO SLEEP THERE.
DO YOU WANT TO HELP US BUILD IT?

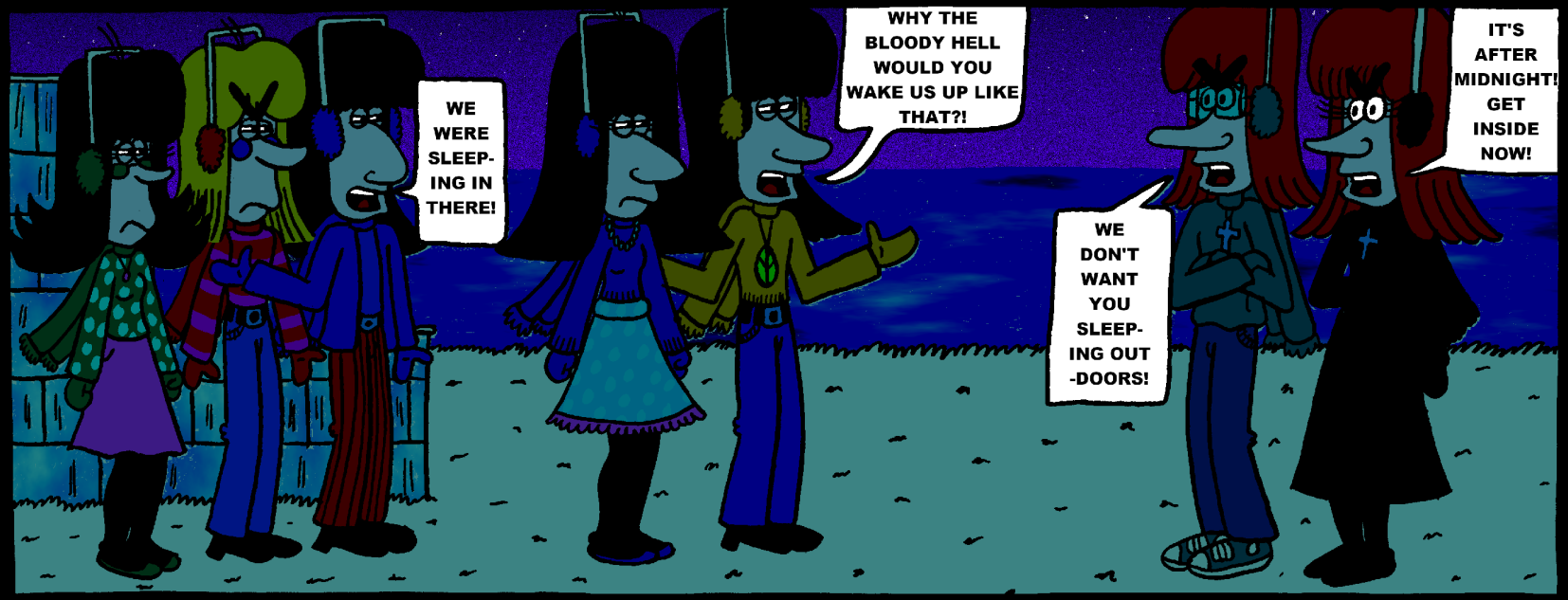
WE'RE INSPIRED TO MAKE THIS IGLOO AFTER READING AN ARTICLE ABOUT IT ON THE WEB.


A FATHER AND HIS SONS BUILD THIS IGLOO DURING THE UK LOCKDOWN IN WINTER 2021.

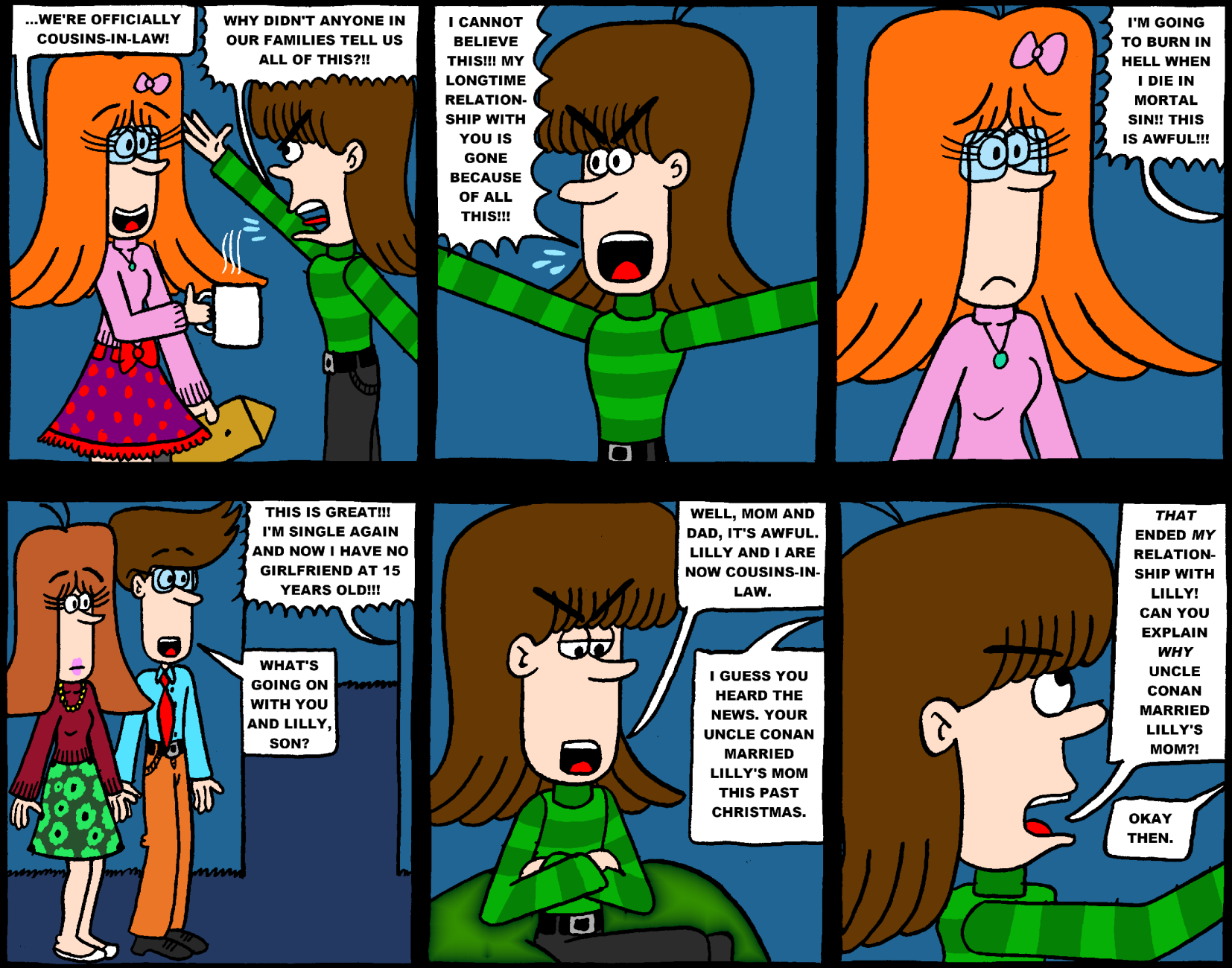
BEING ENGLISH OURSELVES AND WE'RE ACTUALLY FROM THE UK, WE THOUGHT WE TRY THIS HERE IN THE ECO-VILLAGE.

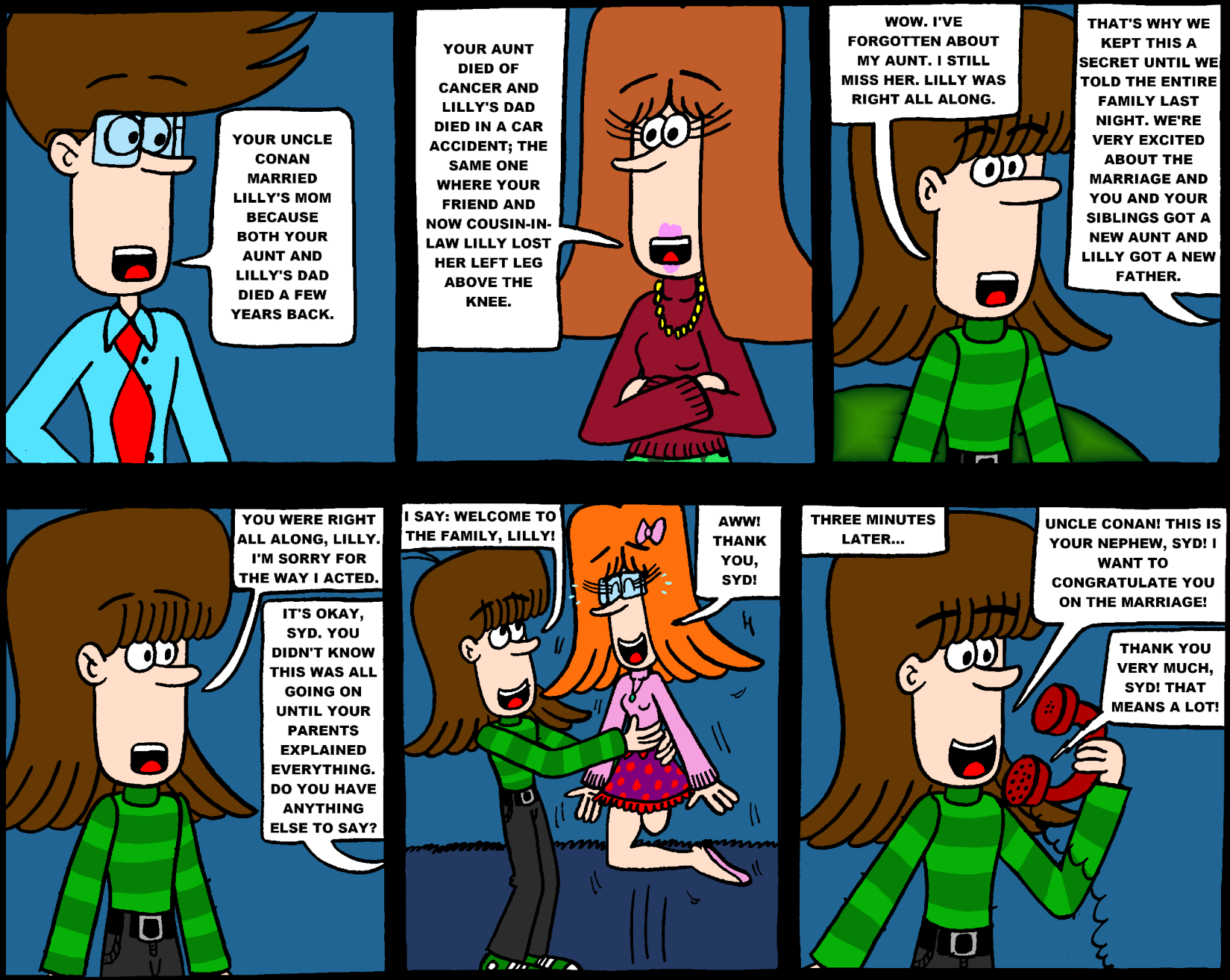

SHOCKINGLY, BOTH FATHER AND SON BONDED UNDER THE IGLOO.
SLEEPING IN THIS IGLOO WILL BE SO MUCH FUN.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MY COUSINS FROM ENGLAND PLAN TO MAKE IT OUT ALIVE OVERNIGHT IN FREEZING TEMPERATURES IN THIS IGLOO. THEY'RE CRAZY.
IT LOOKS BLOODY BRILLIANT!
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME HELP YOU GUYS.
NO PROBLEM, SYD. WE'RE GLAD YOU HELPED US.

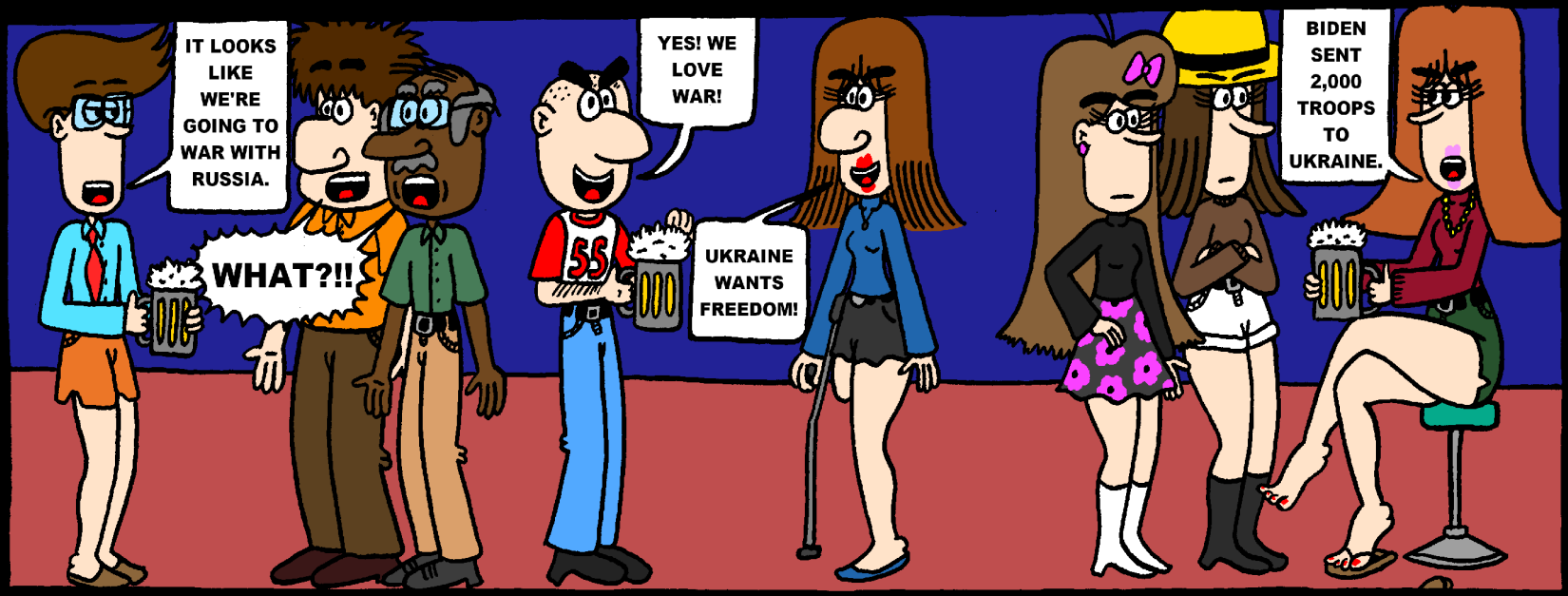
I MUST BE GOING NOW. HOPE YOU ALL HAVE FUN IN THE IGLOO TONIGHT!
WE WILL, SYD! HAVE A GOOD ONE!
LATER...
ZZZZZZZZZ...
ALL OF YOU GET UP!!!
AAAAUGH!!!
TOOOOOOOTTT!!!


WE WERE SLEEP-ING IN THERE!
WHY THE BLOODY HELL WOULD YOU WAKE US UP LIKE THAT?!
WE DON'T WANT YOU SLEEP-ING OUT -DOORS!
IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT! GET INSIDE NOW!

I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU, SYD.
WHAT IS IT, LILLY?
MY MOM MARRIED YOUR UNCLE THIS PAST CHRISTMAS.
THAT'S NOT TRUE YOU GOOFBALL.
OH YES IT IS.
CAN YOU SHOW ME THE MARRIAGE LICENSE?
HERE IT IS. OPEN THIS, SYD.
HOLY SMOKES! MY UNCLE CONAN *DID* MARRY LILLY'S MOM!
IS THIS MARRIAGE LICENSE *REALLY* LEGAL?!
IT IS LEGAL. THIS MEANS...


...WE'RE OFFICIALLY COUSINS-IN-LAW!
WHY DIDN'T ANYONE IN OUR FAMILIES TELL US ALL OF THIS?!!
I CANNOT BELIEVE THIS!!! MY LONGTIME RELATION-SHIP WITH YOU IS GONE BECAUSE OF ALL THIS!!!
I'M GOING TO BURN IN HELL WHEN I DIE IN MORTAL SIN!! THIS IS AWFUL!!!
THIS IS GREAT!!! I'M SINGLE AGAIN AND NOW I HAVE NO GIRLFRIEND AT 15 YEARS OLD!!!
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU AND LILLY, SON?
WELL, MOM AND DAD, IT'S AWFUL. LILLY AND I ARE NOW COUSINS-IN-LAW.
I GUESS YOU HEARD THE NEWS. YOUR UNCLE CONAN MARRIED LILLY'S MOM THIS PAST CHRISTMAS.
THAT ENDED *MY* RELATION-SHIP WITH LILLY! CAN YOU EXPLAIN *WHY* UNCLE CONAN MARRIED LILLY'S MOM?!
OKAY THEN.


YOUR UNCLE CONAN MARRIED LILLY'S MOM BECAUSE BOTH YOUR AUNT AND LILLY'S DAD DIED A FEW YEARS BACK.
YOUR AUNT DIED OF CANCER AND LILLY'S DAD DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT; THE SAME ONE WHERE YOUR FRIEND AND NOW COUSIN-IN-LAW LILLY LOST HER LEFT LEG ABOVE THE KNEE.
WOW. I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT MY AUNT. I STILL MISS HER. LILLY WAS RIGHT ALL ALONG.
THAT'S WHY WE KEPT THIS A SECRET UNTIL WE TOLD THE ENTIRE FAMILY LAST NIGHT. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE MARRIAGE AND YOU AND YOUR SIBLINGS GOT A NEW AUNT AND LILLY GOT A NEW FATHER.
YOU WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG, LILLY. I'M SORRY FOR THE WAY I ACTED.
IT'S OKAY, SYD. YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS ALL GOING ON UNTIL YOUR PARENTS EXPLAINED EVERYTHING. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY?
I SAY: WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, LILLY!
AWW! THANK YOU, SYD!
THREE MINUTES LATER...
UNCLE CONAN! THIS IS YOUR NEPHEW, SYD! I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE MARRIAGE!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SYD! THAT MEANS A LOT!


IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO WAR WITH RUSSIA.
WHAT?!!
YES! WE LOVE WAR!
UKRAINE WANTS FREEDOM!
BIDEN SENT 2,000 TROOPS TO UKRAINE.

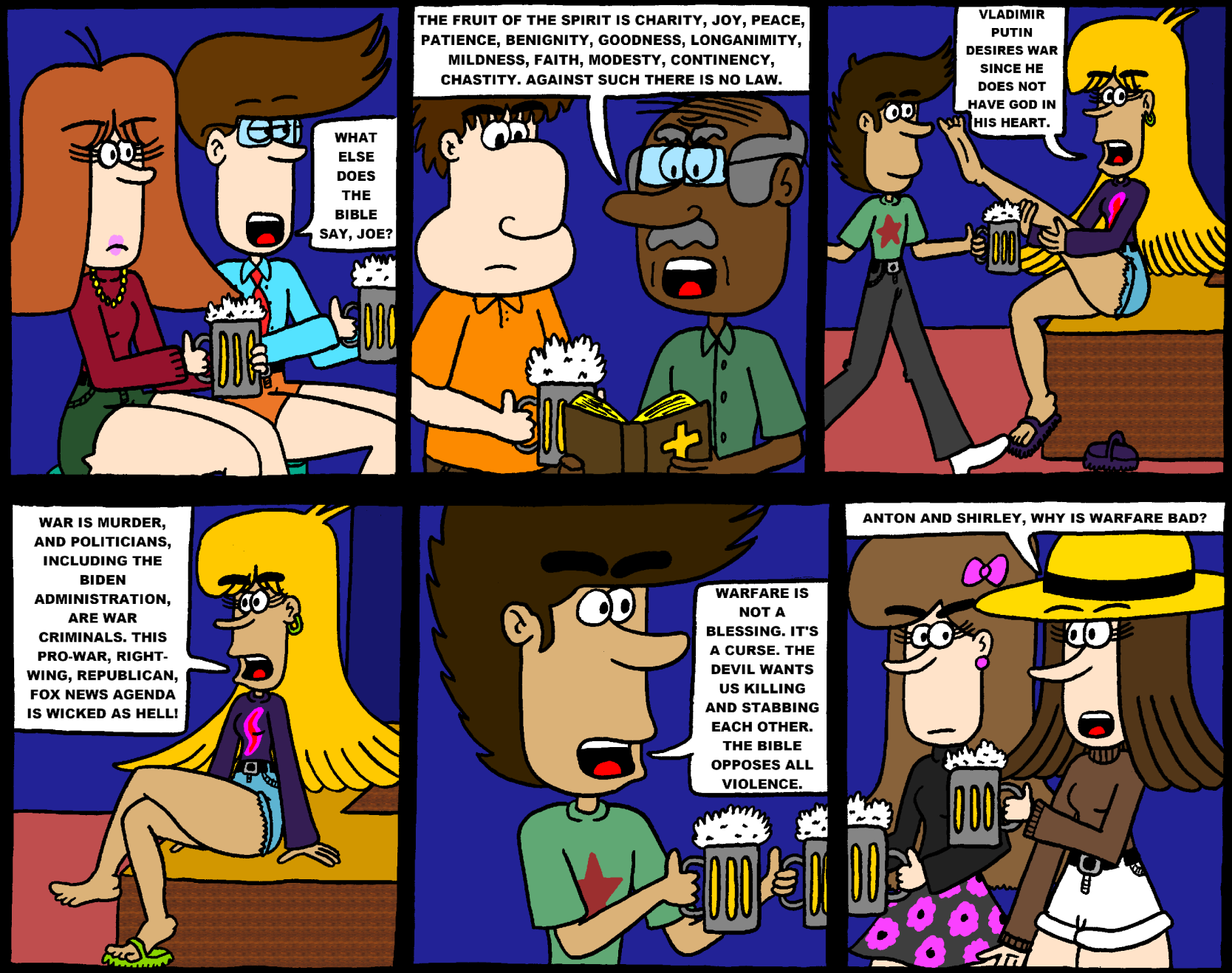
BUT WE JUST GOT OUT OF A 20 YEAR WAR!!!
IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.

WE WANT MORE WAR BECAUSE OUR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS LOVE THE MONEY.
WE HOPE TO START A WAR WITH RUSSIA IF THEY INVADE UKRAINE.

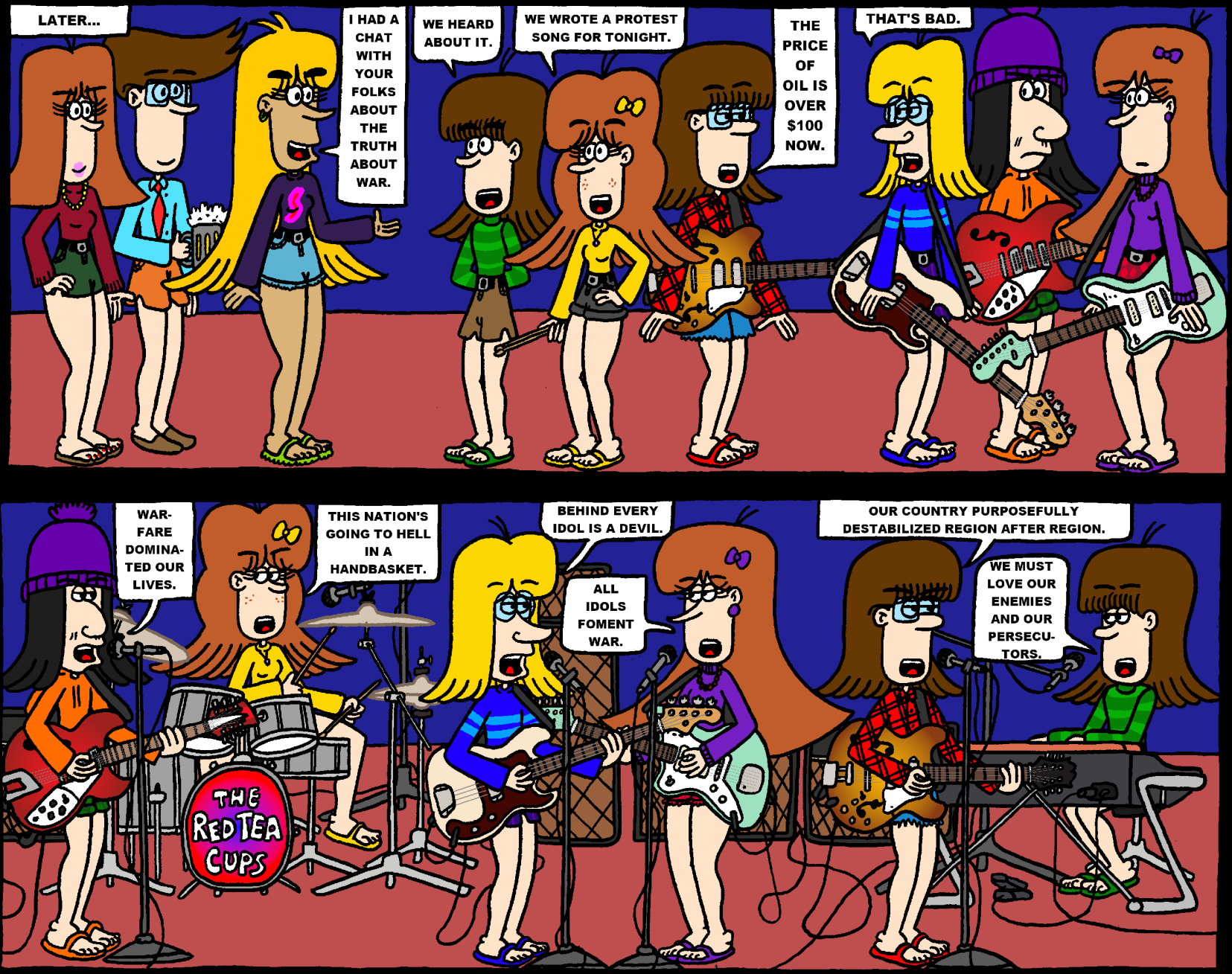
DENNIS, WE WANT PEACE, BUT OUR LEADERS DESIRE WAR BECAUSE THEY LUST FOR TERRITORY AND RESOURCES.

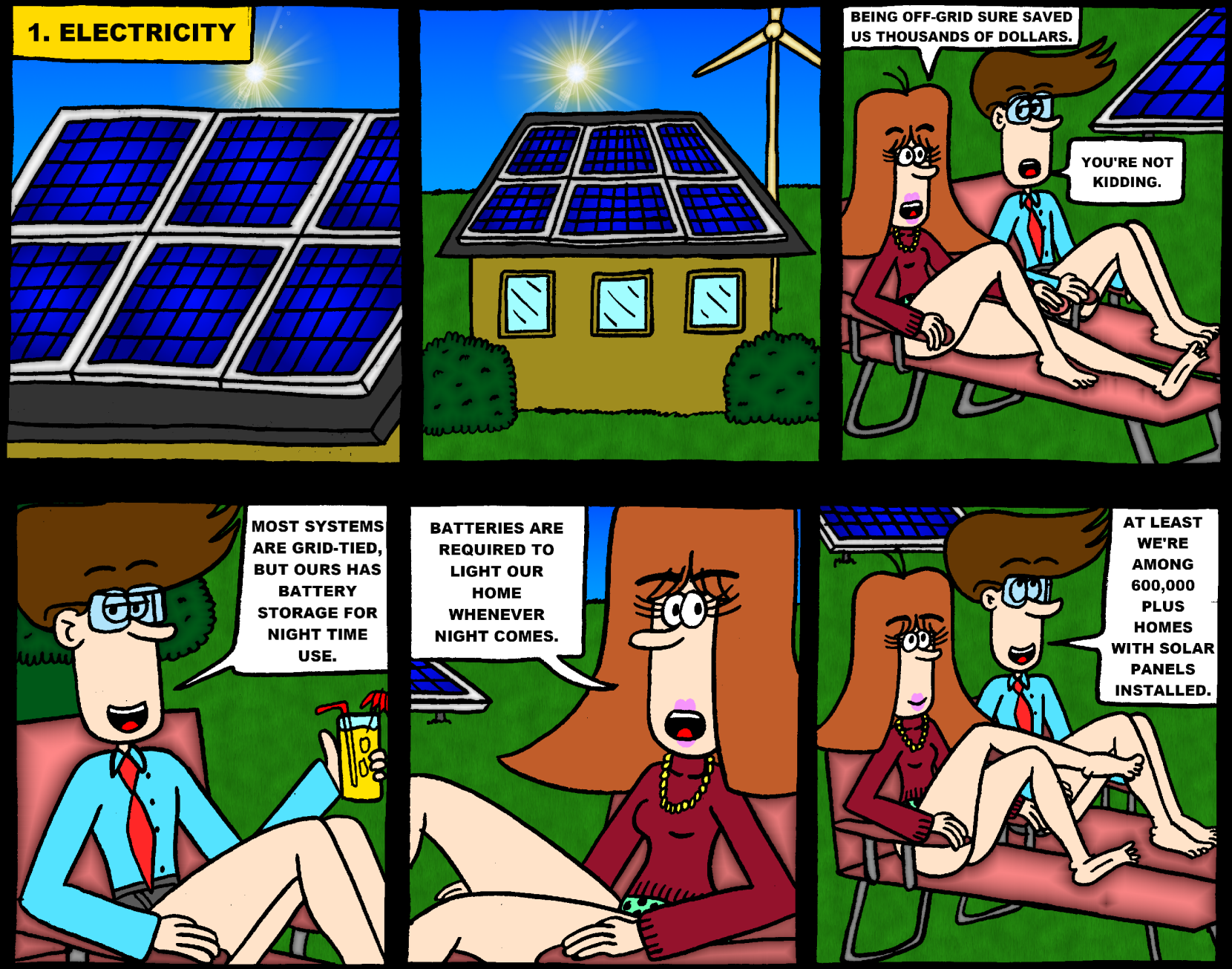
WE LAST DECLARED WAR BACK IN 1941.
SINCE THEN, WE'VE HAD SEVEN UN-DECLARED WARS.
BOTH T.P. AND JOE ARE VETERANS. THEY SERVED IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ FOR A FEW YEARS AND KNEW HOW ALL THIS RACKET PLAYED OUT.
AFTER OUR GOVERNMENT TOLD CHIANG KAI-SHEK, "DO NOT WIPE OUT MAO ZEDONG," CHINA BECAME A COMMUNIST HELLHOLE, AND OVER 50 MILLION PEOPLE DIED.
THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS FULL OF DEGENERATE POLITICIANS AND MORALLY BANKRUPT SJW ACTIVISTS WHILE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS FULL OF FOX NEWS WATCHING, RACIST FASCISTS WHO DESIRE WAR AND MONEY.
THE DESIRE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL; WHICH SOME COVETING HAVE ERRED FROM THE FAITH, AND HAVE ENTANGLED THEMSELVES IN MANY SORROWS. THAT'S WHY OUR COUNTRY'S DEBT IS OVER $30 TRILLION.
NOT TO MENTION THAT THE INTER-NATIONAL BANKERS ROBBED US BLIND AND RUINED OUR ECONOMY.

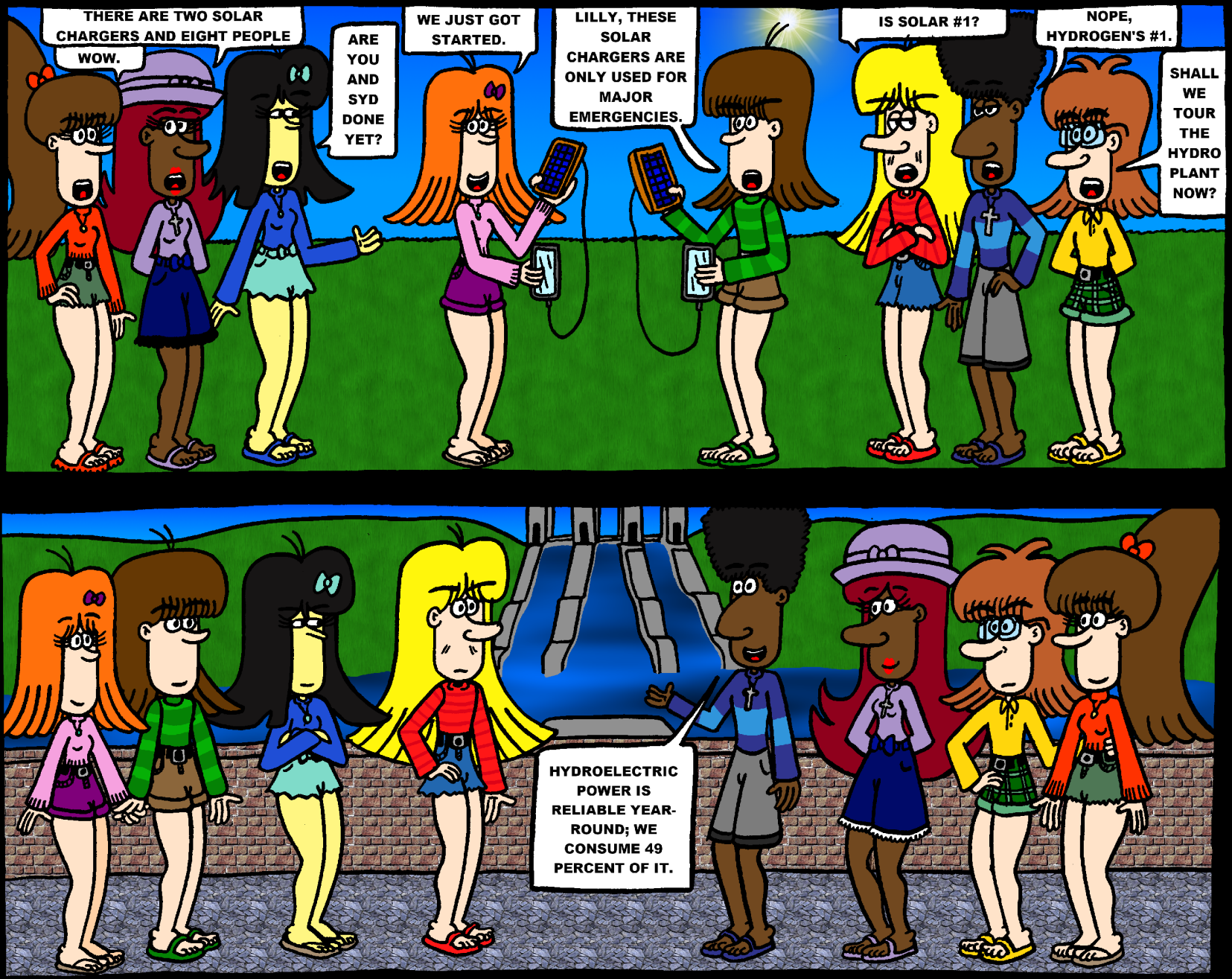
EVER SINCE THE 9/11 ATTACKS OCCURRED 20 YEARS AGO...
PRESIDENTS BUSH, OBAMA, TRUMP, AND NOW BIDEN BOMBED BOTH IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN YEAR AFTER YEAR UNTIL LAST AUGUST. ENDING THE WAR WAS LONG OVERDUE.
ALL POLITICIANS ARE NOT PEACEMAKERS. THEY ARE WAR CRIMINALS WHO DESIRE BLOODSHED AND THE KILLING OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS.
I'M SHOCKED THAT THE BIBLE TEACHES PEACE AND OPPOSES WAR.
MATTHEW 5:9 STATES: BLESSED ARE THE PEACE-MAKERS: FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.
I WANT WAR!!!
I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE WAR SUPPORT-ERS ARE GOING TO HELL.

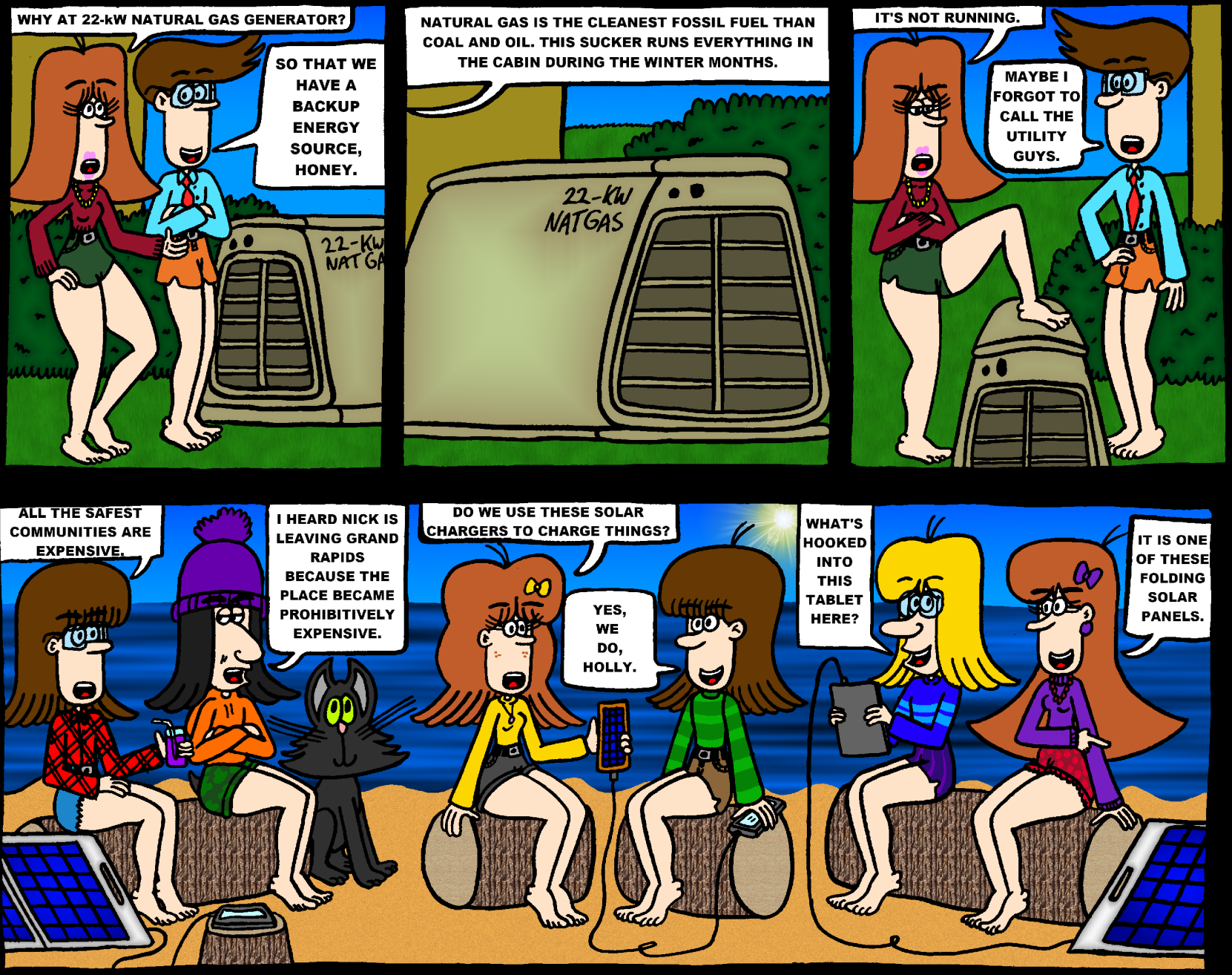

WHAT ELSE DOES THE BIBLE SAY, JOE?
THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS CHARITY, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, BENIGNITY, GOODNESS, LONGANIMITY, MILDNESS, FAITH, MODESTY, CONTINENCY, CHASTITY. AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW.
VLADIMIR PUTIN DESIRES WAR SINCE HE DOES NOT HAVE GOD IN HIS HEART.
WAR IS MURDER, AND POLITICIANS, INCLUDING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, ARE WAR CRIMINALS. THIS PRO-WAR, RIGHT-WING, REPUBLICAN, FOX NEWS AGENDA IS WICKED AS HELL!
WARFARE IS NOT A BLESSING. IT'S A CURSE. THE DEVIL WANTS US KILLING AND STABBING EACH OTHER. THE BIBLE OPPOSES ALL VIOLENCE.
ANTON AND SHIRLEY, WHY IS WARFARE BAD?

FIRST, IT'S THE LOVE OF MONEY; THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL. IT'S WHY OUR DEBT GOT BIGGER.
SECOND, THE DEVIL AND HIS DEMONS ARE BEHIND WARFARE. THE DEVIL WANTS YOU TO ENJOY VIOLENCE, BUT GOD HATES IT. PSALM 10:6 STATES: "THE LORD TRIETH THE JUST AND THE WICKED" BUT HE THAT LOVETH INIQUITY HATETH HIS OWN SOUL."
AND FINALLY, WAR IS A PUNISHMENT FROM GOD ON A WICKED NATION. OUR COUNTRY IS CURSED BECAUSE WE'RE ALWAYS AT WAR.
YOU NEED TO STOP BEING BRAINWASHED BY NBC, ABC, CBS, AND CNN SINCE THEY ARE GARBAGE. YOU ALSO NEED TO STOP WATCHING THE RIGHT-WING, CONSERVATIVE, FOX NEWS AND THE LEFT-WING, PROGRESSIVE, MSNBC. ALL OF THEM SPEW PROPAGANDA.
WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT IN LUKE 3:14: THE SOLDIERS ALSO ASKED HIM, SAYING: AND WHAT SHALL WE DO? AND HE SAID TO THEM: DO VIOLENCE TO NO MAN; NEITHER CALUMNIATE ANY MAN; AND BE CONTENT WITH YOUR PAY.
TO SUM IT UP, WAR OCCURS BECAUSE THERE'S SIN, AND THERE'S THE LOVE OF MONEY. ALL POLITICIANS LEFT AND RIGHT, ARE POSSESSED BY THE DEVIL AND HIS DEMONS. AND ALSO, GOD IS PUNISHING US WITH CONSTANT WARFARE FOR OUR WICKEDNESS.

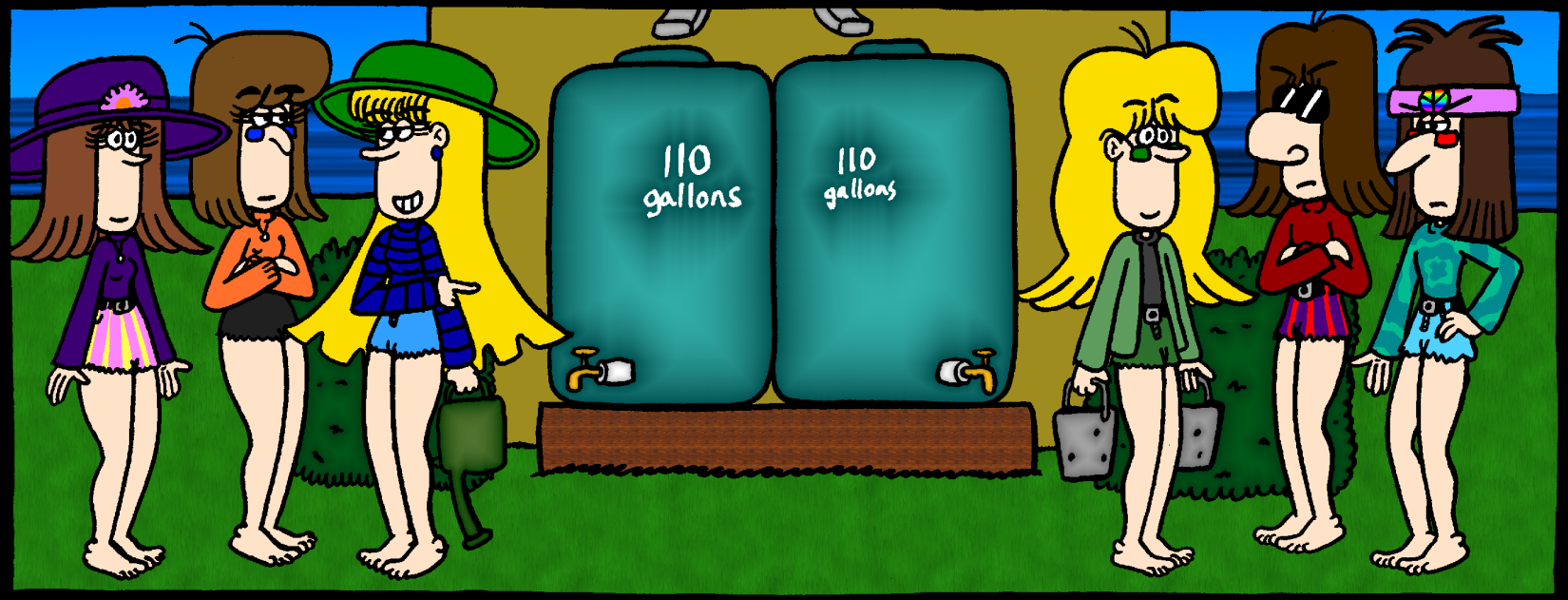

LATER...
I HAD A CHAT WITH YOUR FOLKS ABOUT THE TRUTH ABOUT WAR.
WE HEARD ABOUT IT.
WE WROTE A PROTEST SONG FOR TONIGHT.
THE PRICE OF OIL IS OVER $100 NOW.
THAT'S BAD.
WAR-FARE DOMINA-TED OUR LIVES.
THIS NATION'S GOING TO HELL IN A HANDBASKET.
BEHIND EVERY IDOL IS A DEVIL.
ALL IDOLS FOMENT WAR.
OUR COUNTRY PURPOSEFULLY DESTABILIZED REGION AFTER REGION.
WE MUST LOVE OUR ENEMIES AND OUR PERSECU-TORS.
THE RED TEA CUPS


1. ELECTRICITY
BEING OFF-GRID SURE SAVED US THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.
YOU'RE NOT KIDDING.
MOST SYSTEMS ARE GRID-TIED, BUT OURS HAS BATTERY STORAGE FOR NIGHT TIME USE.
BATTERIES ARE REQUIRED TO LIGHT OUR HOME WHENEVER NIGHT COMES.
AT LEAST WE'RE AMONG 600,000 PLUS HOMES WITH SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED.


THERE ARE TWO SOLAR CHARGERS AND EIGHT PEOPLE
WOW.
ARE YOU AND SYD DONE YET?
WE JUST GOT STARTED.
LILLY, THESE SOLAR CHARGERS ARE ONLY USED FOR MAJOR EMERGENCIES.
IS SOLAR #1?
NOPE, HYDROGEN'S #1.
SHALL WE TOUR THE HYDRO PLANT NOW?
HYDROELECTRIC POWER IS RELIABLE YEAR-ROUND; WE CONSUME 49 PERCENT OF IT.


WHY AT 22-kW NATURAL GAS GENERATOR?
SO THAT WE HAVE A BACKUP ENERGY SOURCE, HONEY.
22-KW NAT GA
NATURAL GAS IS THE CLEANEST FOSSIL FUEL THAN COAL AND OIL. THIS SUCKER RUNS EVERYTHING IN THE CABIN DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.
22-KW NATGAS
IT'S NOT RUNNING.
MAYBE I FORGOT TO CALL THE UTILITY GUYS.
ALL THE SAFEST COMMUNITIES ARE EXPENSIVE.
I HEARD NICK IS LEAVING GRAND RAPIDS BECAUSE THE PLACE BECAME PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE.
DO WE USE THESE SOLAR CHARGERS TO CHARGE THINGS?
YES, WE DO, HOLLY.
WHAT'S HOOKED INTO THIS TABLET HERE?
IT IS ONE OF THESE FOLDING SOLAR PANELS.

2. WATER
THE RAIN BARRELS ARE FULL.
WE SHOULD WATER SOME TREES WITH THIS SUPPLY.
RAINWATER HARVESTERS COLLECT 80 PERCENT OF RAIN FROM THE SKY.
TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR GALLONS IS 2,204 POUNDS OF WATER SINCE IT'S HEAVY.
WE SHOULD CHECK THE SYSTEM ONCE THE RAIN STOPS.
SURE THING.


110 gallons
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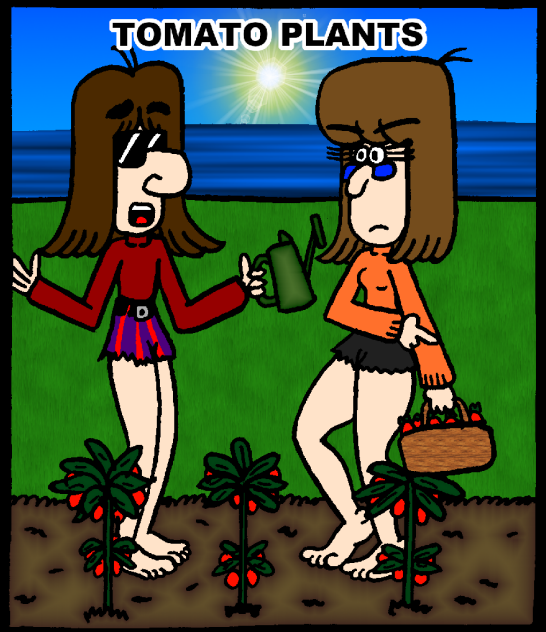
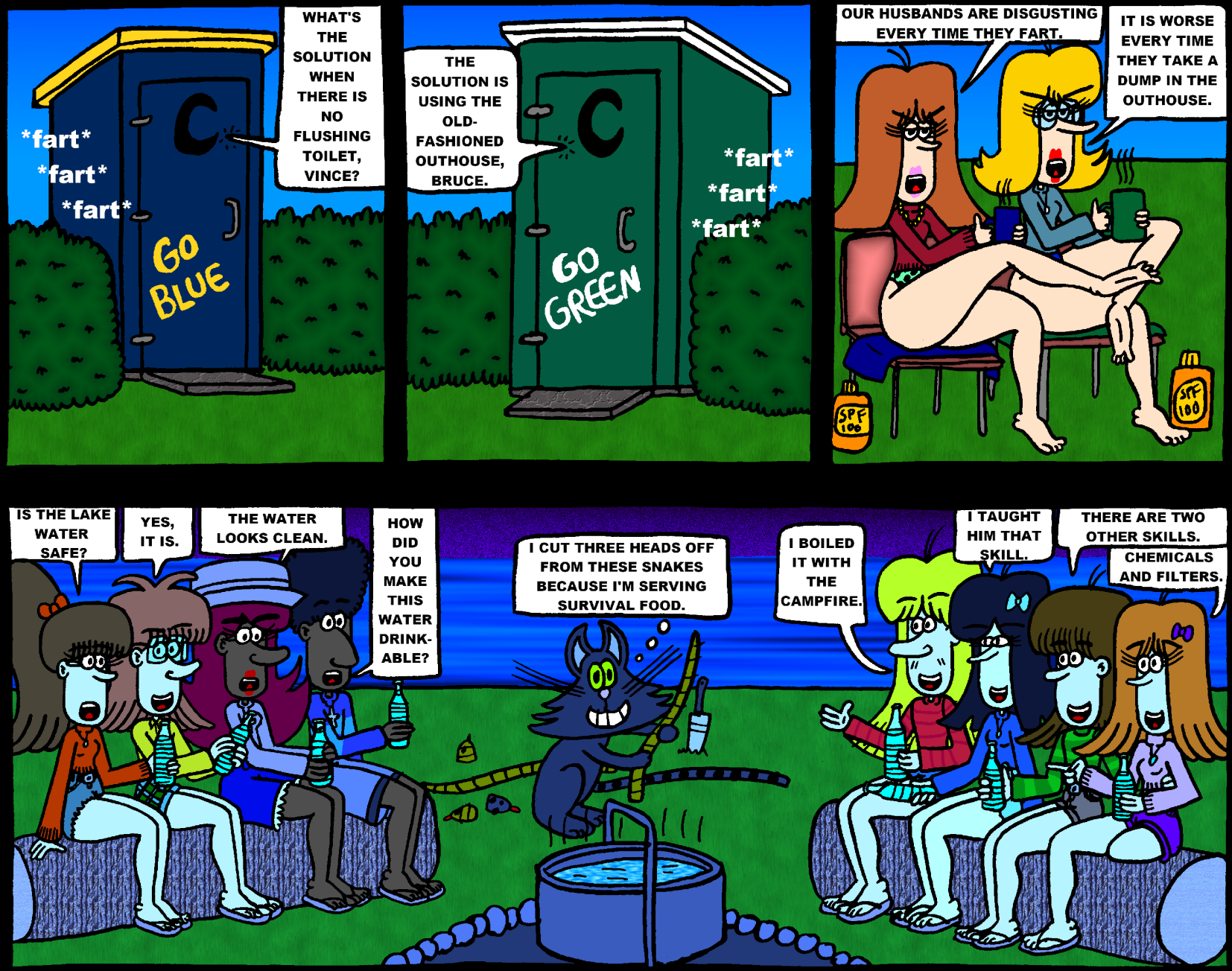
TREES
GROOVY WAY

SHRUBS


TOMATO PLANTS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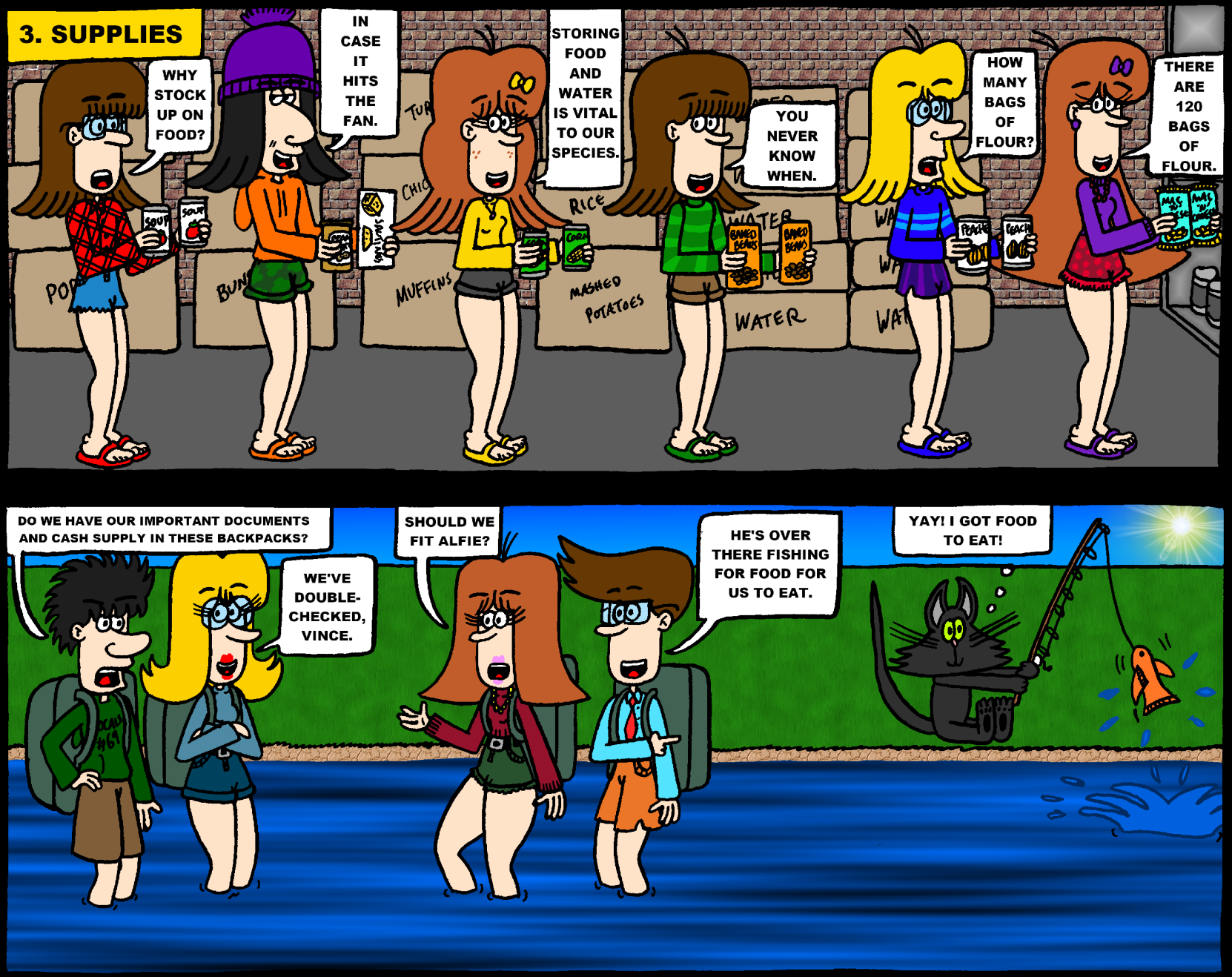
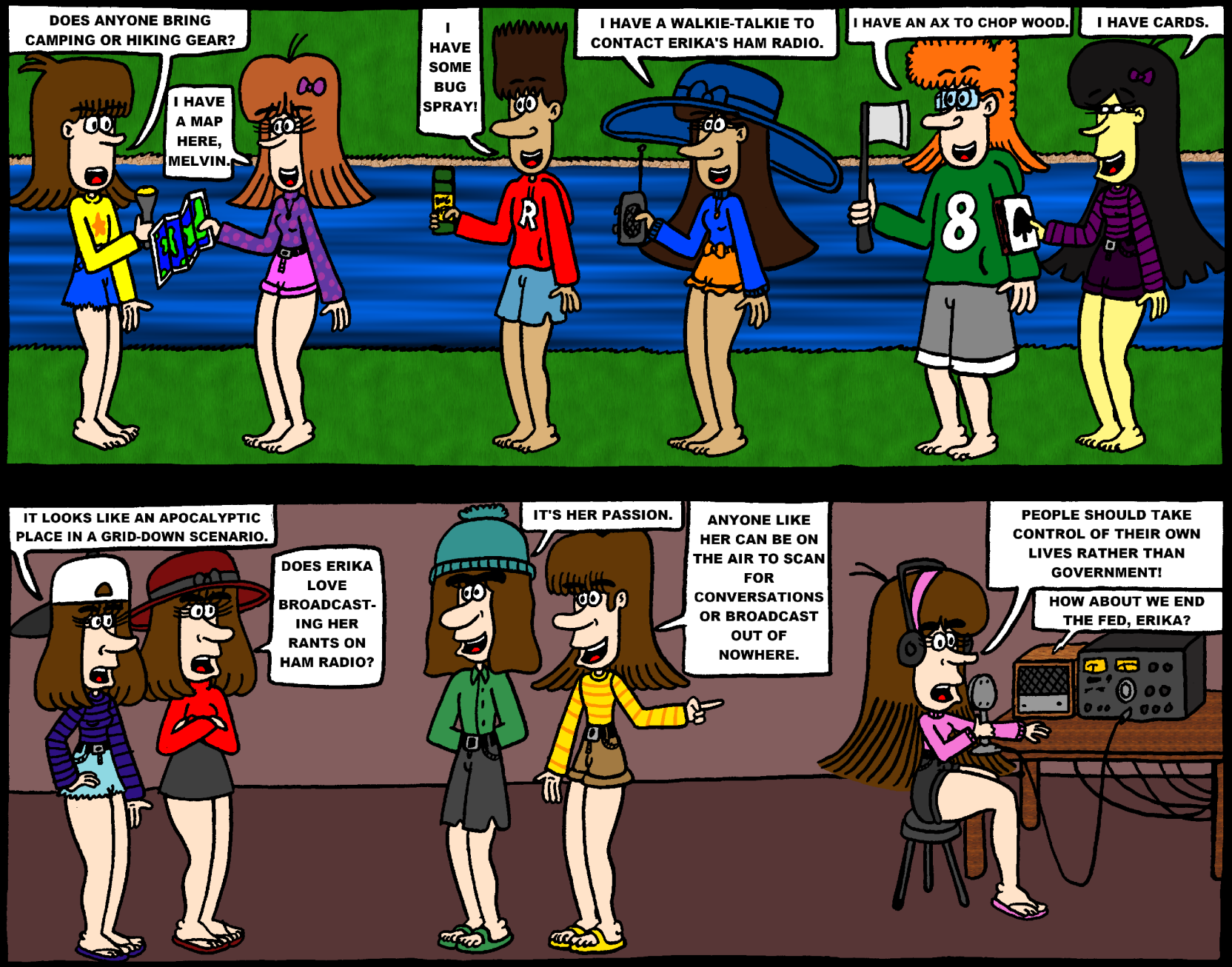
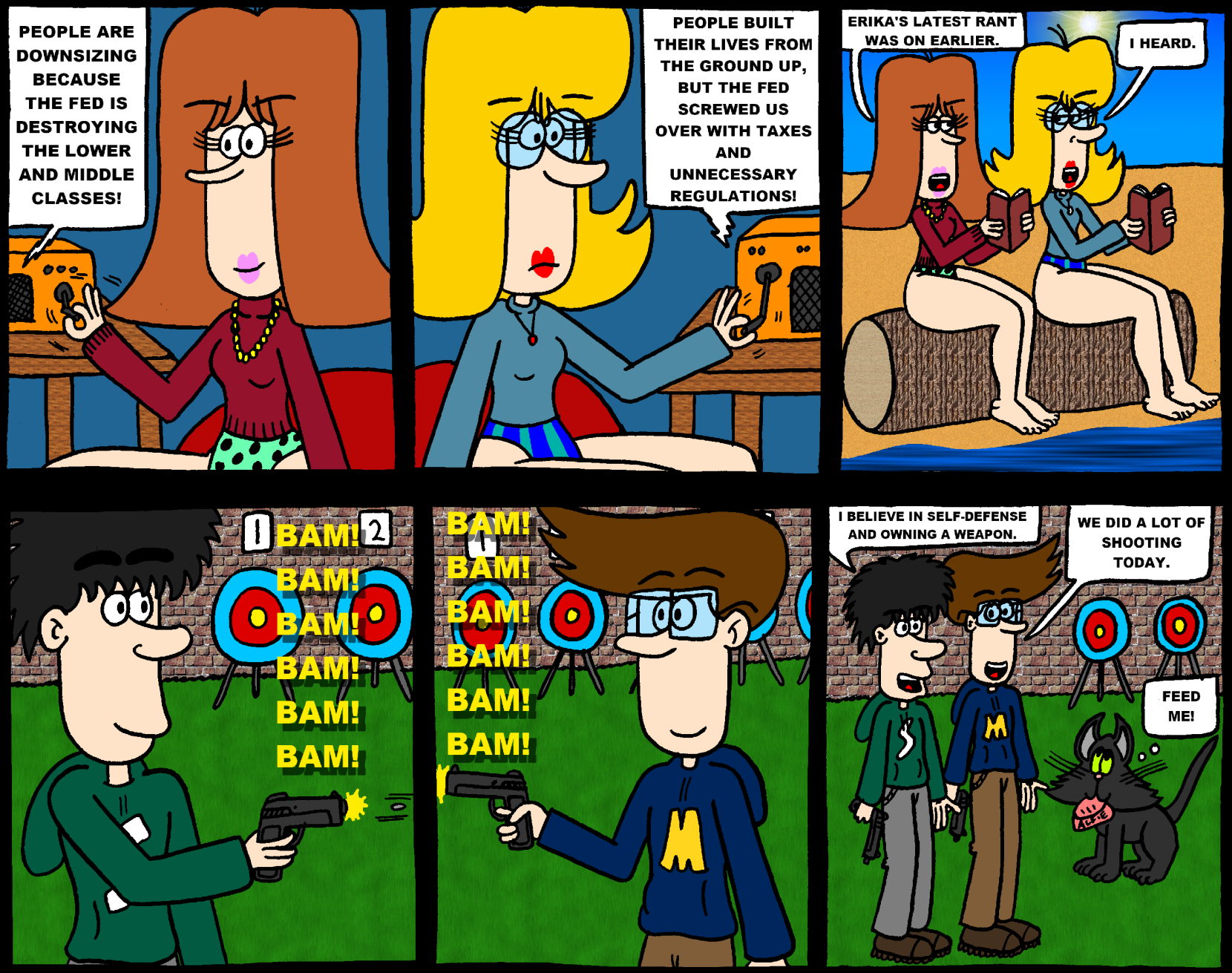
GO BLUE
WHAT'S THE SOLUTION WHEN THERE IS NO FLUSHING TOILET, VINCE?
THE SOLUTION IS USING THE OLD-FASHIONED OUTHOUSE, BRUCE.
GO GREEN
fart
fart
fart
OUR HUSBANDS ARE DISGUSTING EVERY TIME THEY FART.
IT IS WORSE EVERY TIME THEY TAKE A DUMP IN THE OUTHOUSE.
SPF 100
SPF 100
IS THE LAKE WATER SAFE?
YES, IT IS.
THE WATER LOOKS CLEAN.
HOW DID YOU MAKE THIS WATER DRINK-ABLE?
I CUT THREE HEADS OFF FROM THESE SNAKES BECAUSE I'M SERVING SURVIVAL FOOD.
I BOILED IT WITH THE CAMPFIRE.
I TAUGHT HIM THAT SKILL.
THERE ARE TWO OTHER SKILLS.
CHEMICALS AND FILTERS.


3. SUPPLIES
WHY STOCK UP ON FOOD?
IN CASE IT HITS THE FAN.
STORING FOOD AND WATER IS VITAL TO OUR SPECIES.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN.
HOW MANY BAGS OF FLOUR?
THERE ARE 120 BAGS OF FLOUR.
MUFFINS
MASHED POTATOES
WATER
RICE
BAKED BEANS
SOUP
DO WE HAVE OUR IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND CASH SUPPLY IN THESE BACKPACKS?
WE'VE DOUBLE-CHECKED, VINCE.
SHOULD WE FIT ALFIE?
HE'S OVER THERE FISHING FOR FOOD FOR US TO EAT.
YAY! I GOT FOOD TO EAT!


DOES ANYONE BRING CAMPING OR HIKING GEAR?
I HAVE A MAP HERE, MELVIN.
I HAVE SOME BUG SPRAY!
I HAVE A WALKIE-TALKIE TO CONTACT ERIKA'S HAM RADIO.
I HAVE AN AX TO CHOP WOOD.
I HAVE CARDS.
IT LOOKS LIKE AN APOCALYPTIC PLACE IN A GRID-DOWN SCENARIO.
DOES ERIKA LOVE BROADCAST-ING HER RANTS ON HAM RADIO?
IT'S HER PASSION.
ANYONE LIKE HER CAN BE ON THE AIR TO SCAN FOR CONVERSATIONS OR BROADCAST OUT OF NOWHERE.
PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR OWN LIVES RATHER THAN GOVERNMENT!
HOW ABOUT WE END THE FED, ERIKA?


PEOPLE ARE DOWNSIZING BECAUSE THE FED IS DESTROYING THE LOWER AND MIDDLE CLASSES!
PEOPLE BUILT THEIR LIVES FROM THE GROUND UP, BUT THE FED SCREWED US OVER WITH TAXES AND UNNECESSARY REGULATIONS!
ERIKA'S LATEST RANT WAS ON EARLIER.
I HEARD.
1
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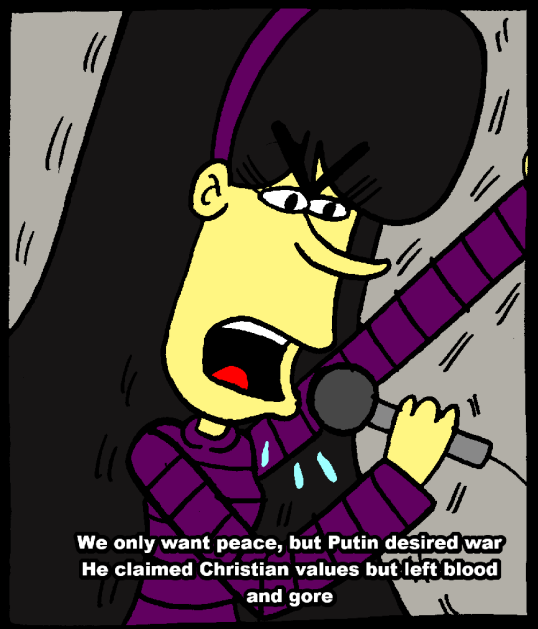
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
I BELIEVE IN SELF-DEFENSE AND OWNING A WEAPON.
WE DID A LOT OF SHOOTING TODAY.
FEED ME!

HELLO, WE ARE PUNK NOISE.
WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE.
THIS IS CALLED "E.T.W."
Punk noise

A tyrant had just badly injured its western neighbor
We are horrified that warfare drafted all the labor

Putin's goal is lust for absolue power
His actions shot oil prices up in one hour


We only want peace, but Putin desired war
He claimed Christian values but left blood and gore

The last four presidents didn't stop Putin's agenda
While inflation wrecked the economy of America
A potential future World War III was preventable
Unfortunately, this outcome is inevitable
Cyberattacks are coming soon, are you ready?
If you're not for peace, you're against me
PUNK NOISE
End the war in Europe!
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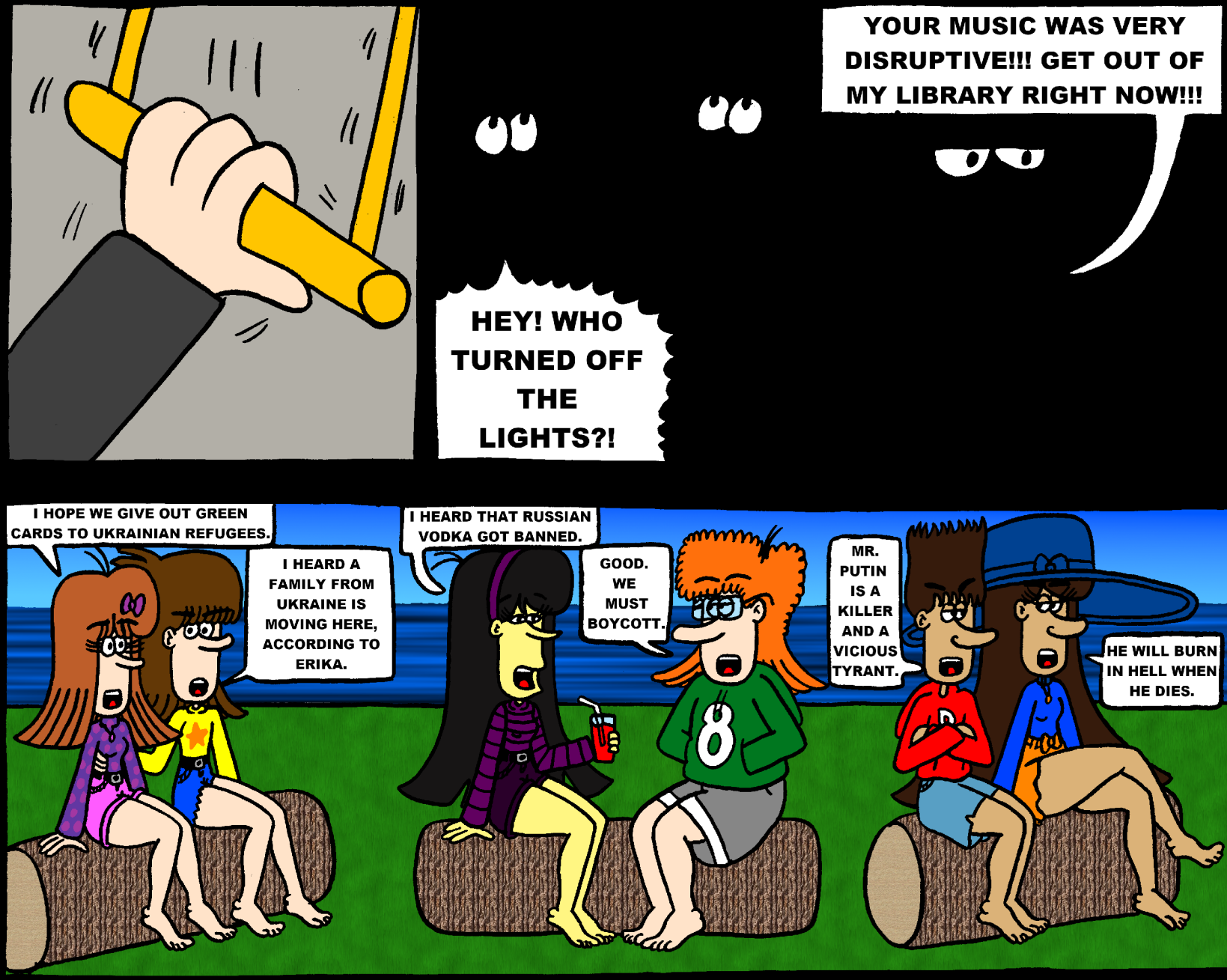
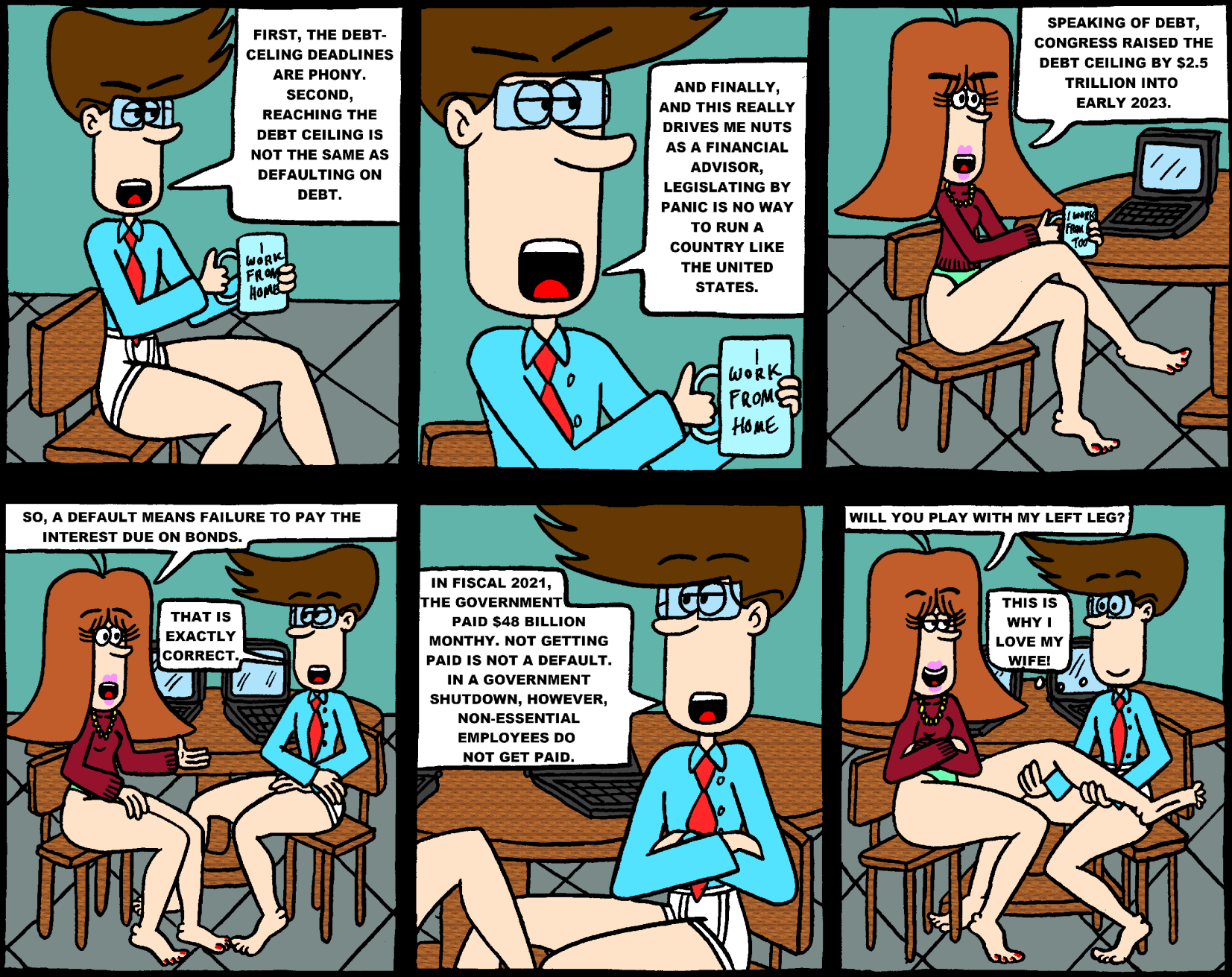
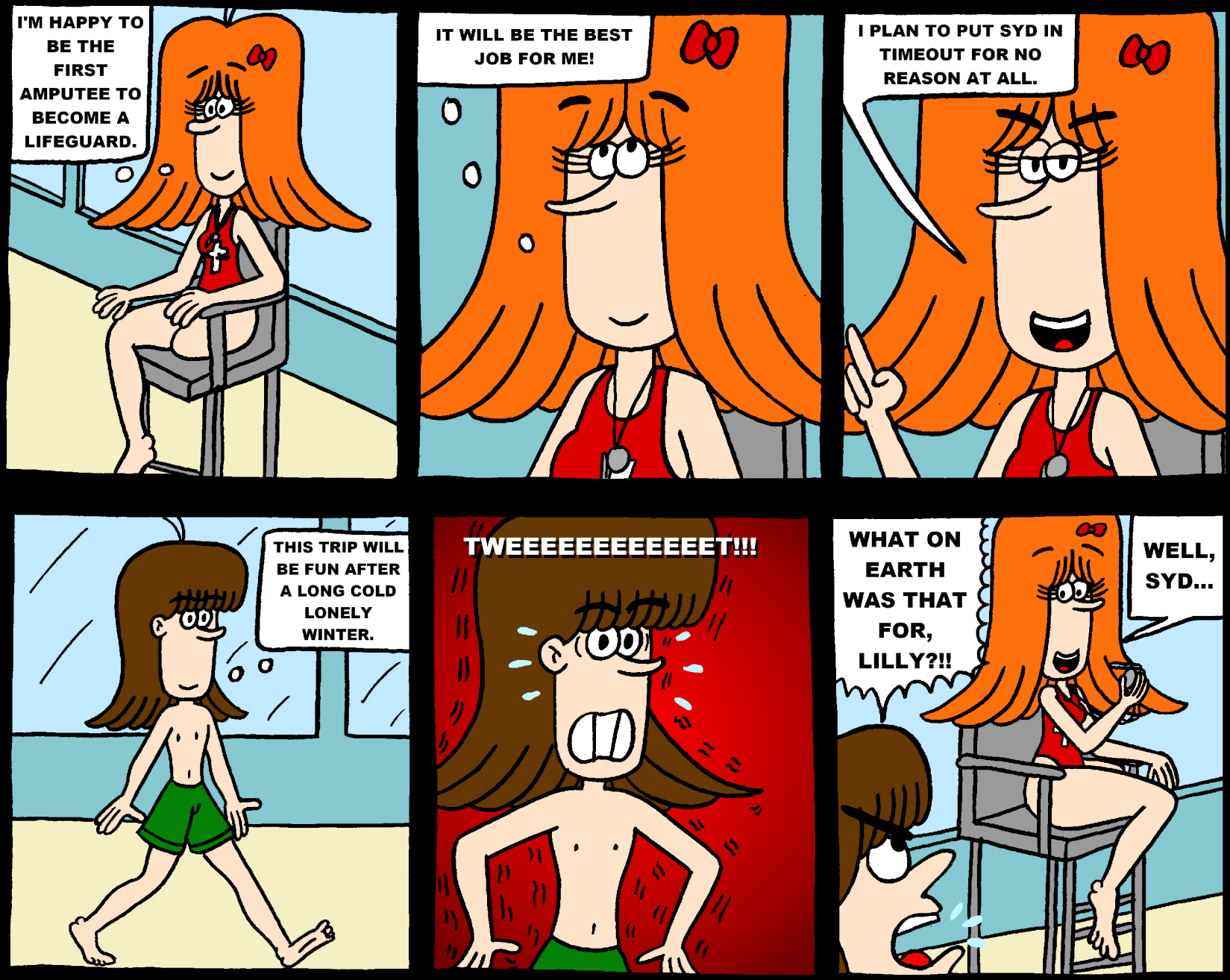
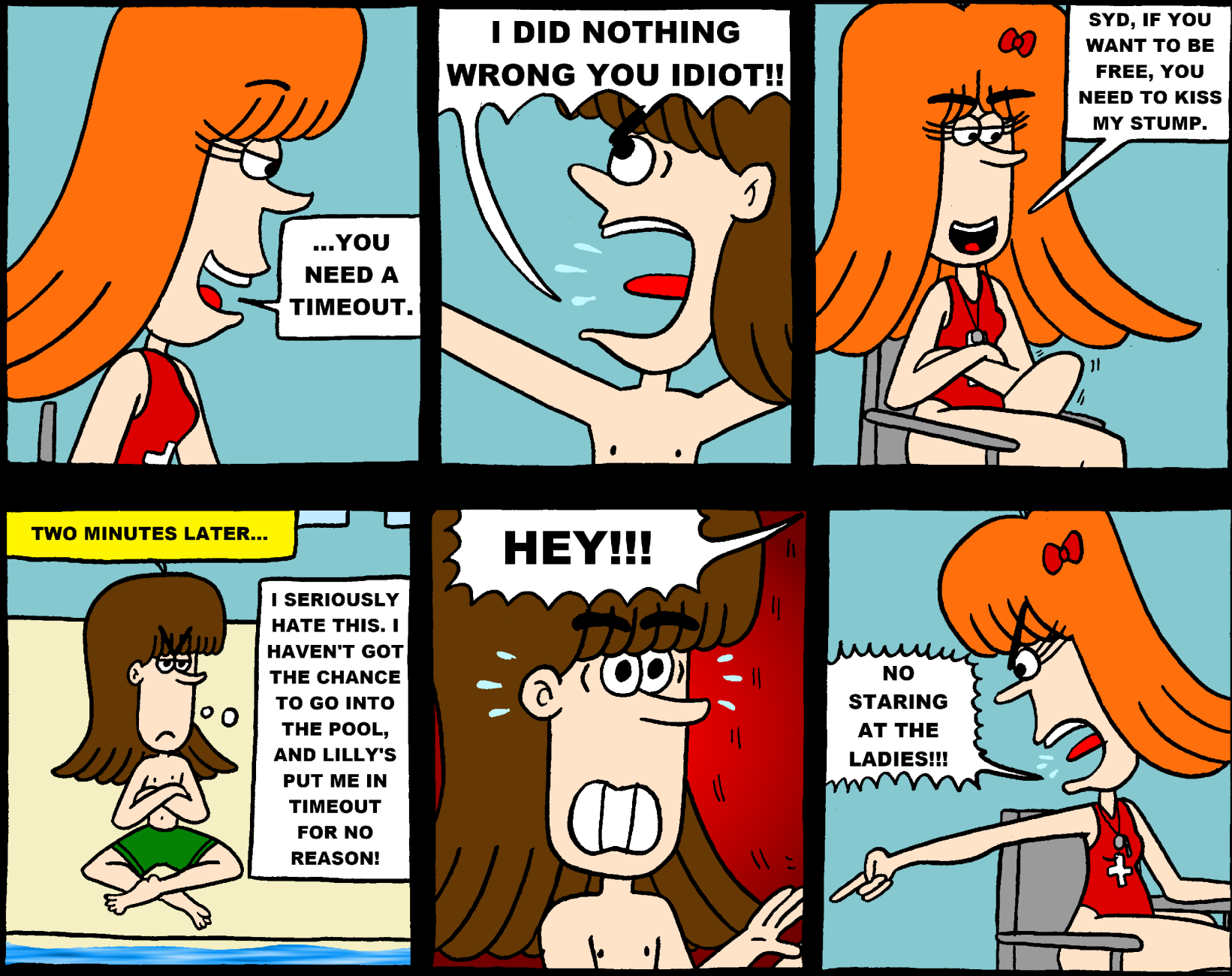

HEY! WHO TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS?!
YOUR MUSIC WAS VERY DISRUPTIVE!!! GET OUT OF MY LIBRARY RIGHT NOW!!!
I HOPE WE GIVE OUT GREEN CARDS TO UKRAINIAN REFUGEES.
I HEARD A FAMILY FROM UKRAINE IS MOVING HERE, ACCORDING TO ERIKA.
I HEARD THAT RUSSIAN VODKA GOT BANNED.
GOOD. WE MUST BOYCOTT.
MR. PUTIN IS A KILLER AND A VICIOUS TYRANT.
HE WILL BURN IN HELL WHEN HE DIES.

WARD, ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, IF THE U.S. DEFAULTS, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES DON'T GET PAID.
HONEY, THAT CLAIM IS COMPLETELY FALSE. NOT GETTING PAID ISN'T A DEFAULT. THE TREASURY SPENDS $6 TRILLION WHILE REVENUE IS AROUND $3 TRILLION.
HOLY SMOKES. THEY MUST HAVE CREATED HALF THE MONEY OUT OF THIN AIR.
IF WE HIT THE LIMIT, STUFF LIKE GOVERNMENT BONDS AND DEFENSE BECOME PRIORITIZED.
I WORK FROM HOME
WOWZERS. THAT CREATES WINNERS AND LOSERS FOR EVERYONE ELSE. IT IS NO WONDER TODAY'S MEDIA IS GARBAGE.
I WORK FROM HOME TOO
I WILL TELL YOU WHY DEADLINES LIKE THAT SUCK.

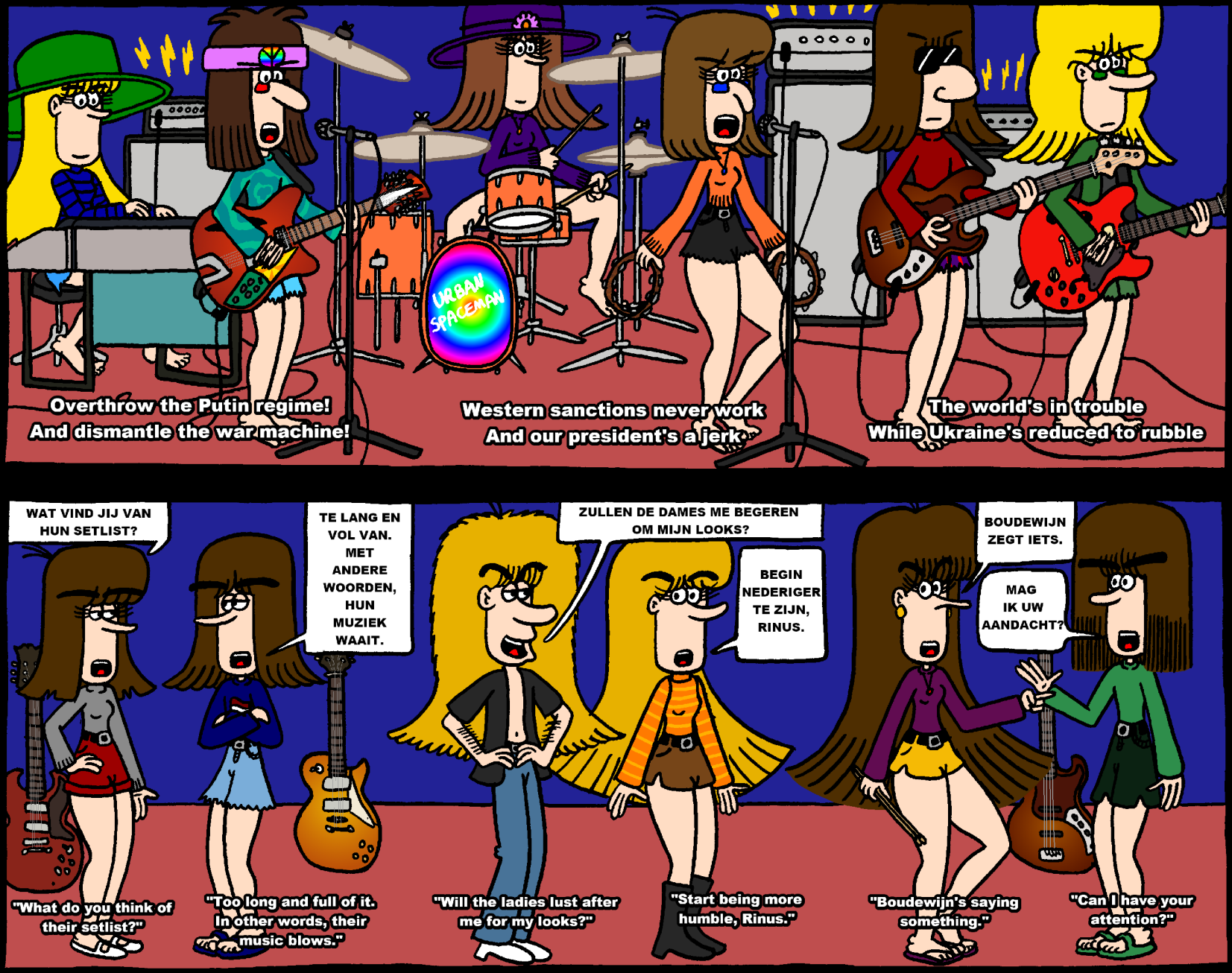

FIRST, THE DEBT-CELING DEADLINES ARE PHONY. SECOND, REACHING THE DEBT CEILING IS NOT THE SAME AS DEFAULTING ON DEBT.
I WORK FROM HOME
AND FINALLY, AND THIS REALLY DRIVES ME NUTS AS A FINANCIAL ADVISOR, LEGISLATING BY PANIC IS NO WAY TO RUN A COUNTRY LIKE THE UNITED STATES.
I WORK FROM HOME
SPEAKING OF DEBT, CONGRESS RAISED THE DEBT CEILING BY $2.5 TRILLION INTO EARLY 2023.
I WORK FROM HOME TOO
SO, A DEFAULT MEANS FAILURE TO PAY THE INTEREST DUE ON BONDS.
THAT IS EXACTLY CORRECT.
IN FISCAL 2021, THE GOVERNMENT PAID $48 BILLION MONTHY. NOT GETTING PAID IS NOT A DEFAULT. IN A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN, HOWEVER, NON-ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES DO NOT GET PAID.
WILL YOU PLAY WITH MY LEFT LEG?
THIS IS WHY I LOVE MY WIFE!

I'M HOLLY, AND THIS IS MY OLDER SISTER GRACE.
HELLO LADIES.
HELLO, I'M ANNA.
HELLO, I'M CAITLIN.
HELLO, IM SUMMER.
AND I'M SIERRA. NICE TO MEET YOU GIRLS.
SO HOW DID YOU BOYS GET STARTED?
WE STARTED OUR BAND DETROIT BEETLES 20 YEARS AGO.
WE STARTED WITH FIVE OF US UNTIL GRACE JOINED.
YOUR MUSIC INFLUENCED OUR BAND.
I KNOW NICK, BUT WHO'S THE OTHER GUY?
THAT'S HIS COUSIN BRIAN, ROBERT.


I'M HAPPY TO BE THE FIRST AMPUTEE TO BECOME A LIFEGUARD.
IT WILL BE THE BEST JOB FOR ME!
I PLAN TO PUT SYD IN TIMEOUT FOR NO REASON AT ALL.
THIS TRIP WILL BE FUN AFTER A LONG COLD LONELY WINTER.
TWEEEEEEEEEEEEET!!!
WHAT ON EARTH WAS THAT FOR, LILLY?!!
WELL, SYD...


...YOU NEED A TIMEOUT.
I DID NOTHING WRONG YOU IDIOT!!
SYD, IF YOU WANT TO BE FREE, YOU NEED TO KISS MY STUMP.
TWO MINUTES LATER...
I SERIOUSLY HATE THIS. I HAVEN'T GOT THE CHANCE TO GO INTO THE POOL, AND LILLY'S PUT ME IN TIMEOUT FOR NO REASON!
HEY!!!
NO STARING AT THE LADIES!!!

YOU'RE THE WORST LIFE-GUARD ON EARTH, LILLY!
YOU'RE NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD!
I LOVE THIS JOB.
MEOW! MEOW!
HI ALFIE! SYD IS IN TIME OUT RIGHT NOW.
I AM MOANING AND GROAN-ING.


URBAN SPACEMAN
Overthrow the Putin regime!
And dismantle the war machine!
Western sanctions never work
And our president's a jerk
The world's in trouble
While Ukraine's reduced to rubble
WAT VIND JIJ VAN HUN SETLIST?
TE LANG EN VOL VAN. MET ANDERE WOORDEN, HUN MUZIEK WAAIT.
ZULLEN DE DAMES ME BEGEREN OM MIJN LOOKS?
BEGIN NEDERIGER TE ZIJN, RINUS.
BOUDEWIJN ZEGT IETS.
MAG IK UW AANDACHT?
"What do you think of their setlist?"
"Too long and full of it. In other words, their music blows."
"Will the ladies lust after me for my looks?"
"Start being more humble, Rinus."
"Boudewijn's saying something."
"Can I have your attention?"

WE MOETEN EEN MANIER VINDEN OM EEN ETERE BAND TE ZIJN DAN DIE LINKSE HIPPIES. ENIGE GEDACHTEN?
"We need to find a way to be a better band than those leftist hippies. Any thoughts?"
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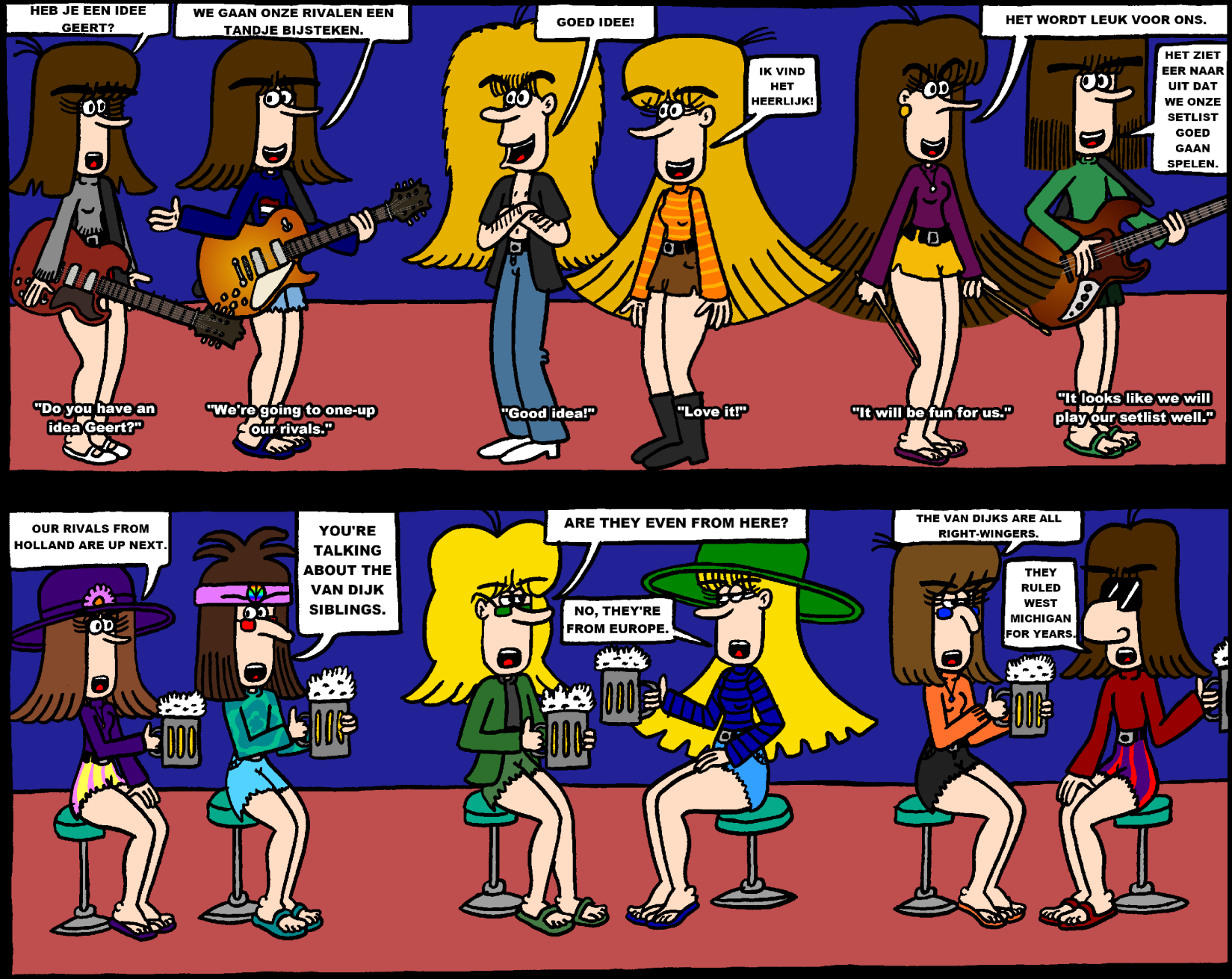
GOED?
"Well?"


HEB JE EEN IDEE GEERT?
WE GAAN ONZE RIVALEN EEN TANDJE BIJSTEKEN.
GOED IDEE!
IK VIND HET HEERLIJK!
HET WORDT LEUK VOOR ONS.
HET ZIET EER NAAR UIT DAT WE ONZE SETLIST GOED GAAN SPELEN.
"Do you have an idea Geert?"
"We're going to one-up our rivals."
"Good idea!"
"Love it!"
"It will be fun for us."
"It looks like we will play our setlist well."
OUR RIVALS FROM HOLLAND ARE UP NEXT.
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE VAN DIJK SIBLINGS.
ARE THEY EVEN FROM HERE?
NO, THEY'RE FROM EUROPE.
THE VAN DIJKS ARE ALL RIGHT-WINGERS.
THEY RULED WEST MICHIGAN FOR YEARS.

WE'RE HERE TO ONE-UP OUR POLISH-AMERICAN RIVALS.
ALBERTUS VAN RAALTE

In 1911, a labor strike broke out.
We didn't know what it was about.

The new broke in Grand Rapids
Causing division between the classes.

Much of the workers walked off the job.
Threatening to be an angry mob.

The furniture strike wrecked prosperity.
Without any kind of clarity.

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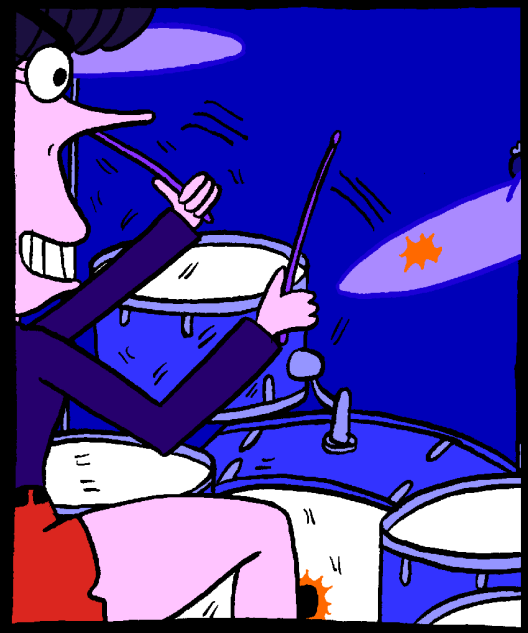
Without any kind of clarity.

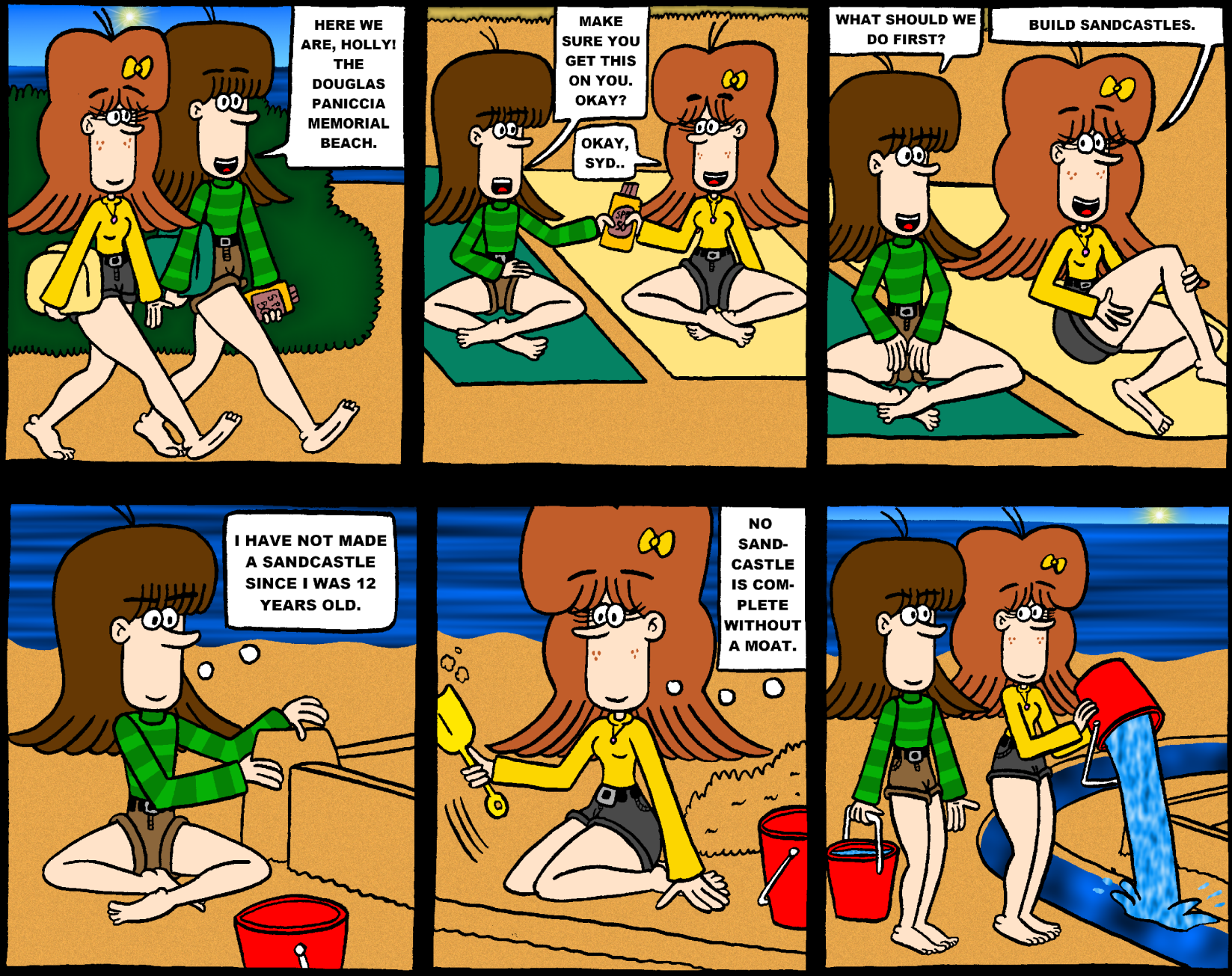


All the Polish belonged to the union.
We the Dutch remained non-union.

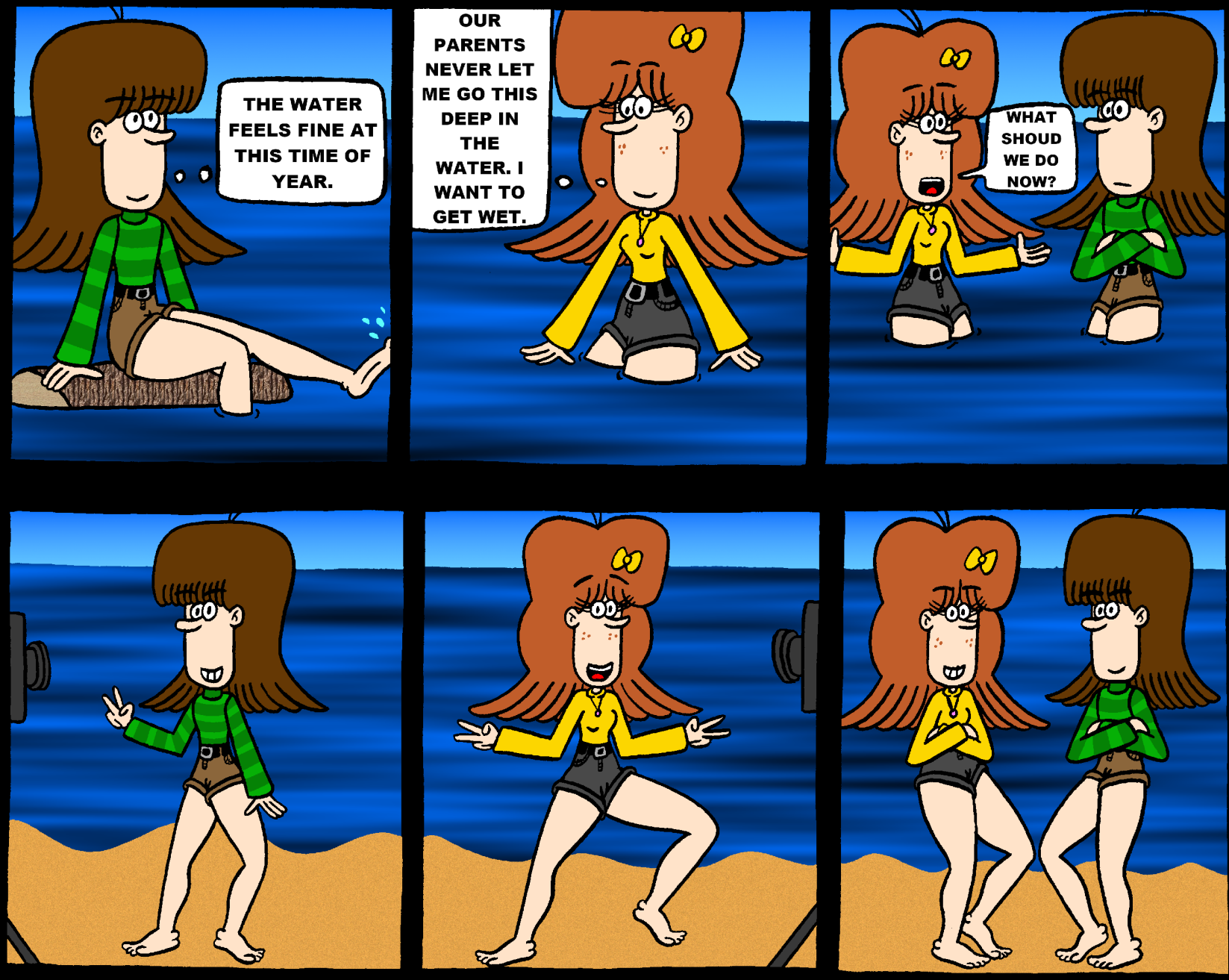
Catholics endorsed the labor cause.
Calvinists condemed it without any draws.

We the Dutch crossed the picket line.
We returned to work without any crime.

Down with the leftist pro-union hippies!
We the Dutch prevailed with no sissies!
THE DUTCH ONE-UPPED US!
THEIR LYRICS ATTACKED OUR POLISH ANCESTORS!
THE CROWD LOVES THEM MORE THAN US.
WHERE ARE JACOB AND ISABELLA?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE MONEY?
DONATE IT TO VARIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZA-TIONS THAT PROMOTE OUR BELIEFS.

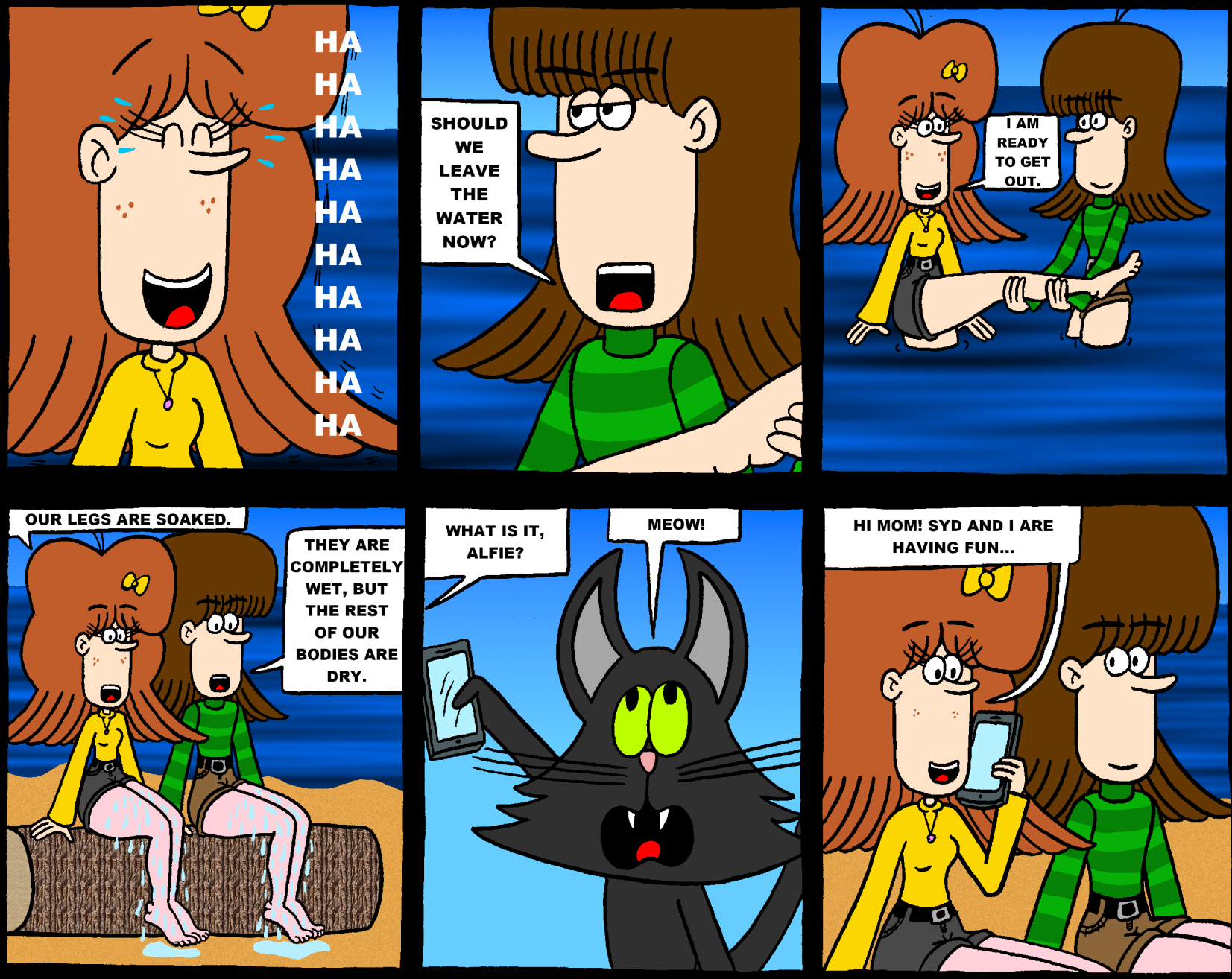

HERE WE ARE, HOLLY! THE DOUGLAS PANICCIA MEMORIAL BEACH.
MAKE SURE YOU GET THIS ON YOU. OKAY?
OKAY, SYD..
WHAT SHOULD WE DO FIRST?
BUILD SANDCASTLES.
I HAVE NOT MADE A SANDCASTLE SINCE I WAS 12 YEARS OLD.
NO SAND-CASTLE IS COM-PLETE WITHOUT A MOAT.

A SWING SET IS AHEAD. I WANT TO GO ON ONE OF THEM.
WHAT ABOUT OUR SANDCASTLE?
ALFIE IS LOOKING AFTER IT.
I WANT TO BE GODZILLA.
I WANT TO SWING HIGHER!
DO NOT HURT YOUR-SELF WHEN YOU JUMP OFF. OKAY?


THE WATER FEELS FINE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.
OUR PARENTS NEVER LET ME GO THIS DEEP IN THE WATER. I WANT TO GET WET.
WHAT SHOUD WE DO NOW?

I DO NOT SEE ANY FISH HERE.
I SEE ONE!
POKE!
STOP IT!

ALFIE!
YUMMY.
DOES THE WEATHER LOOK NICE?
I GOT YOU WET, SYD!
QUIT IT, HOLLY!
I GOT YOUR LEG.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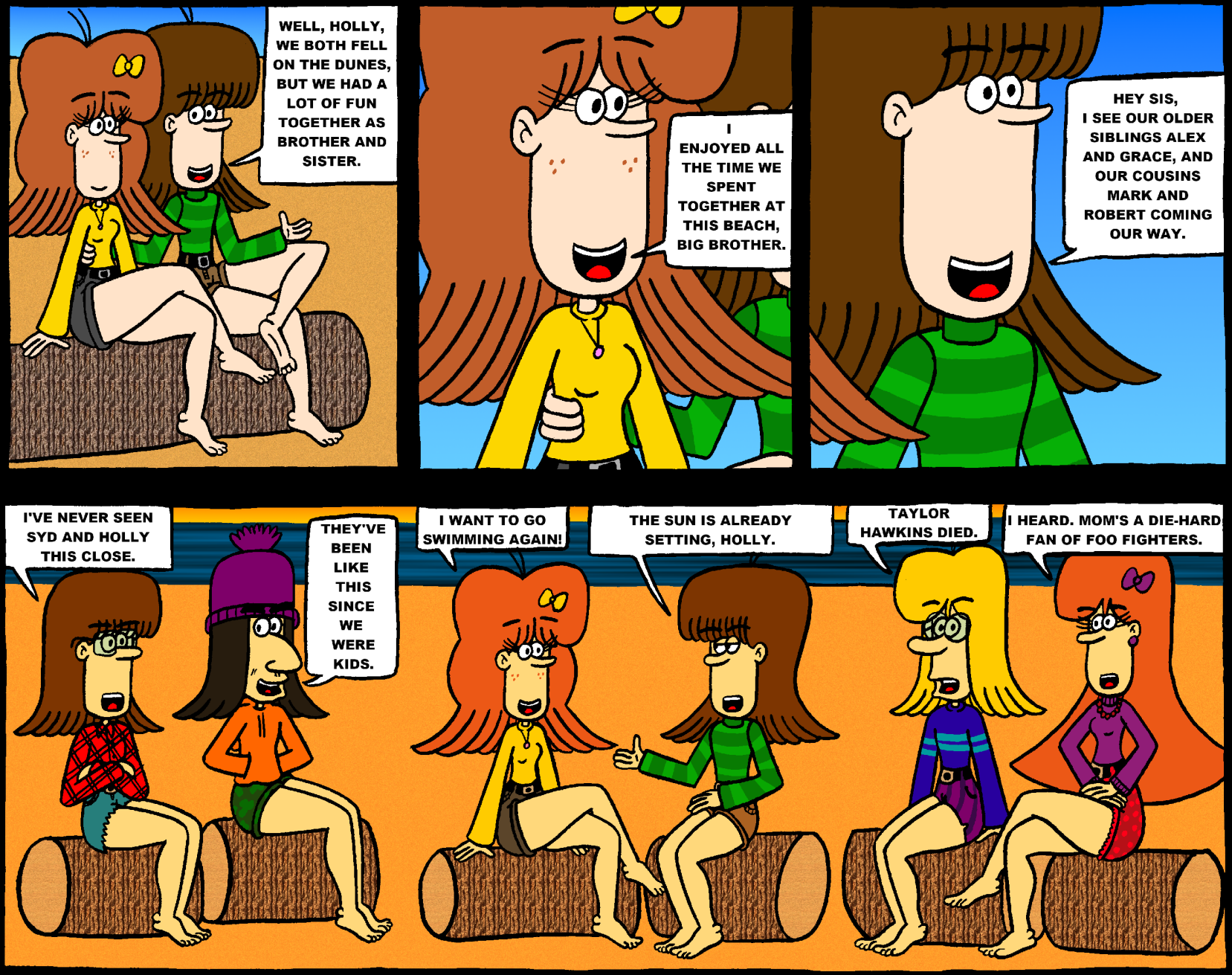
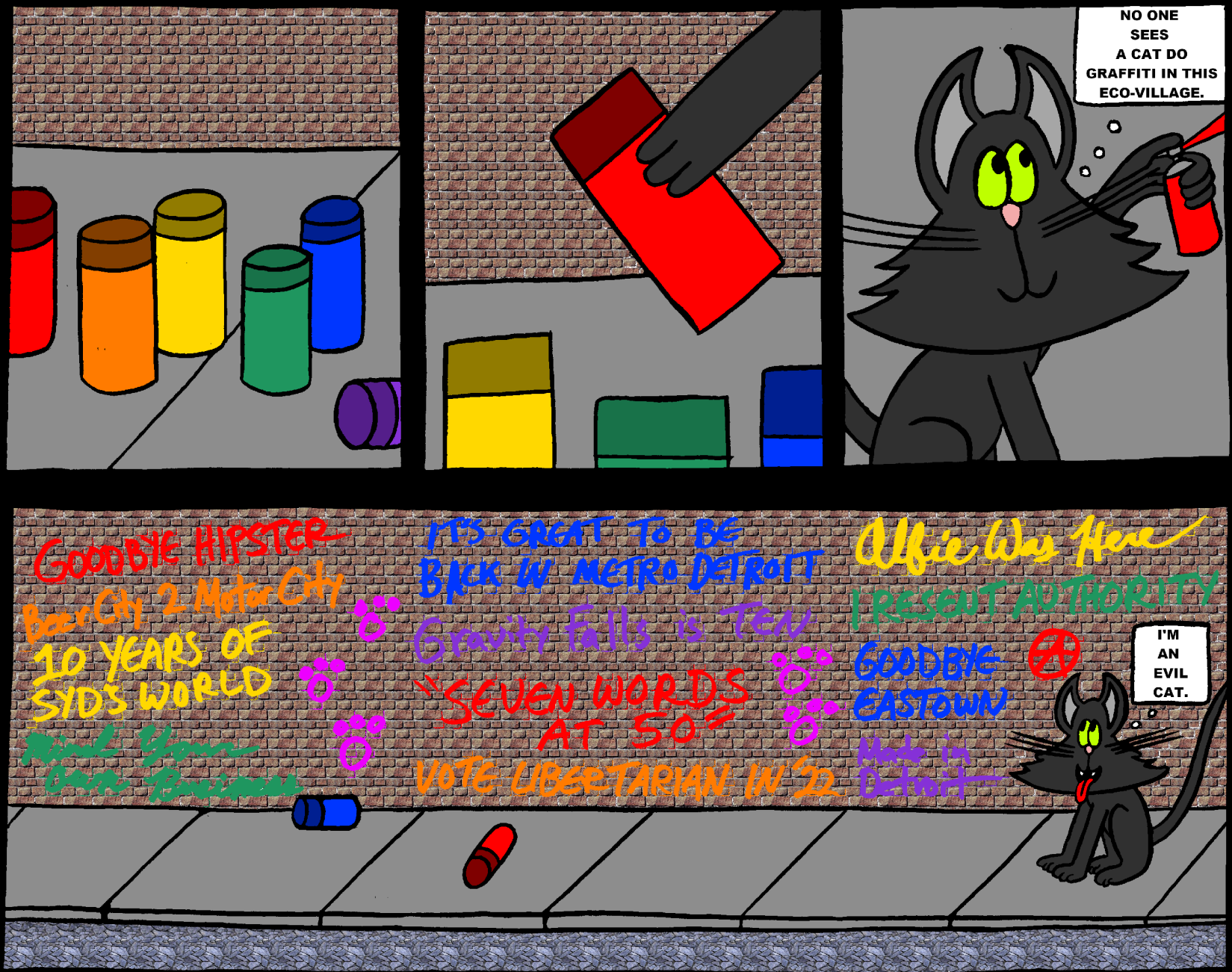
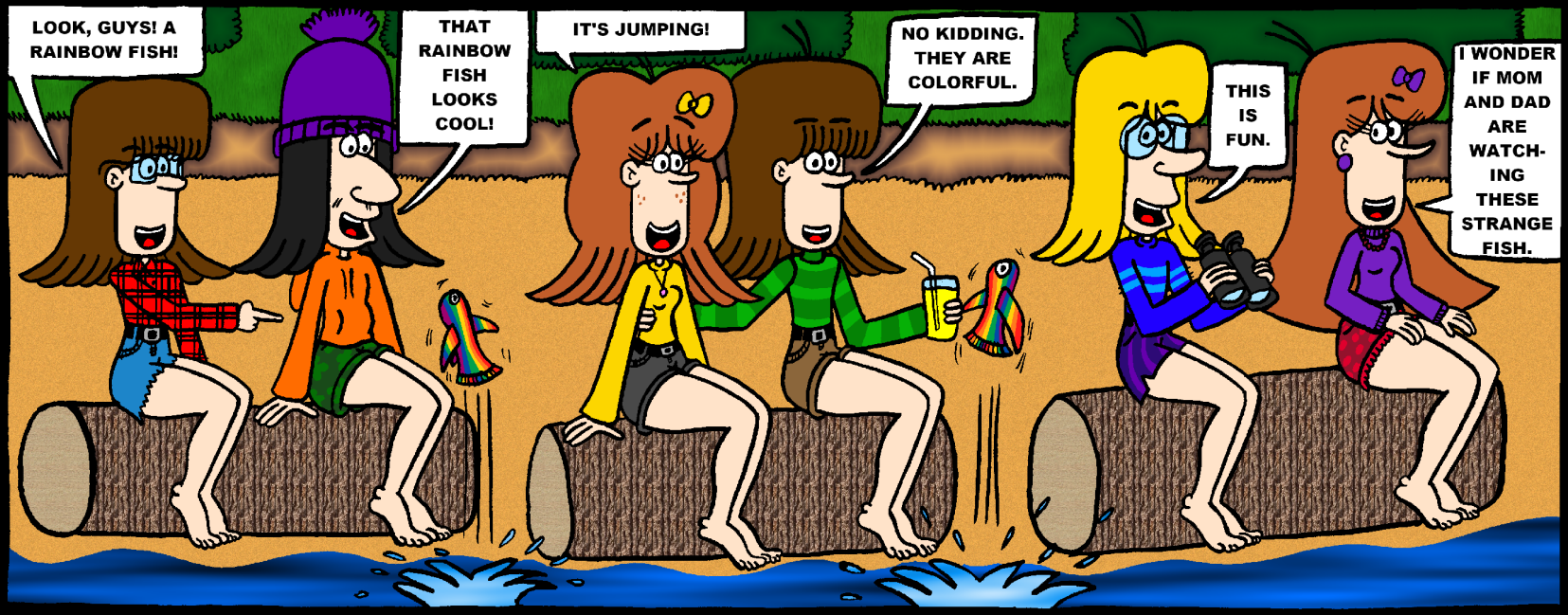
SHOULD WE LEAVE THE WATER NOW?
I AM READY TO GET OUT.
OUR LEGS ARE SOAKED.
THEY ARE COMPLETELY WET, BUT THE REST OF OUR BODIES ARE DRY.
WHAT IS IT, ALFIE?
MEOW!
HI MOM! SYD AND I ARE HAVING FUN...

GOT ANY IDEAS, SIS?
I WANT TO CHALLENGE YOU TO A RACE DOWN THE DUNES.
BUT THEY ARE DANGEROUS.
TOO BAD.
YOU ARE TOO FAST, HOLLY!
AAUGH!!!
MY FOOT!

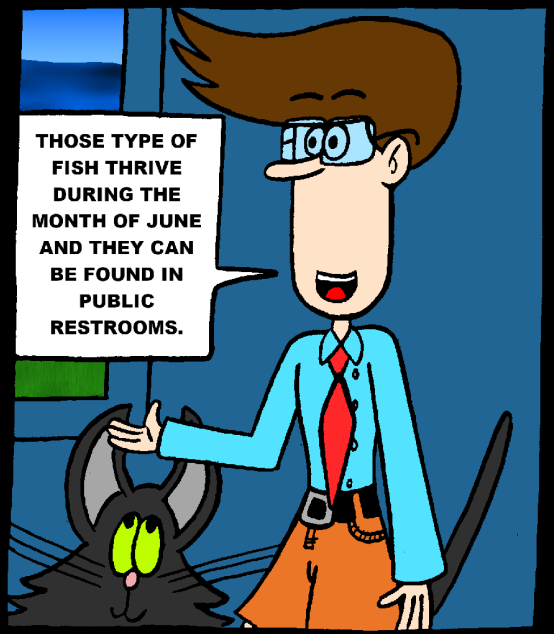
EVER SINCE I WAS A KITTEN, I WANTED TO SLIDE DOWN THESE DUNES!
I BEAT BOTH HUMANS IN THE RACE.
DID I BEAT MY BROTHER IN THIS RACE?
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED?


WELL, HOLLY, WE BOTH FELL ON THE DUNES, BUT WE HAD A LOT OF FUN TOGETHER AS BROTHER AND SISTER.
I ENJOYED ALL THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER AT THIS BEACH, BIG BROTHER.
HEY SIS, I SEE OUR OLDER SIBLINGS ALEX AND GRACE, AND OUR COUSINS MARK AND ROBERT COMING OUR WAY.
I'VE NEVER SEEN SYD AND HOLLY THIS CLOSE.
THEY'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE WE WERE KIDS.
I WANT TO GO SWIMMING AGAIN!
THE SUN IS ALREADY SETTING, HOLLY.
TAYLOR HAWKINS DIED.
I HEARD. MOM'S A DIE-HARD FAN OF FOO FIGHTERS.

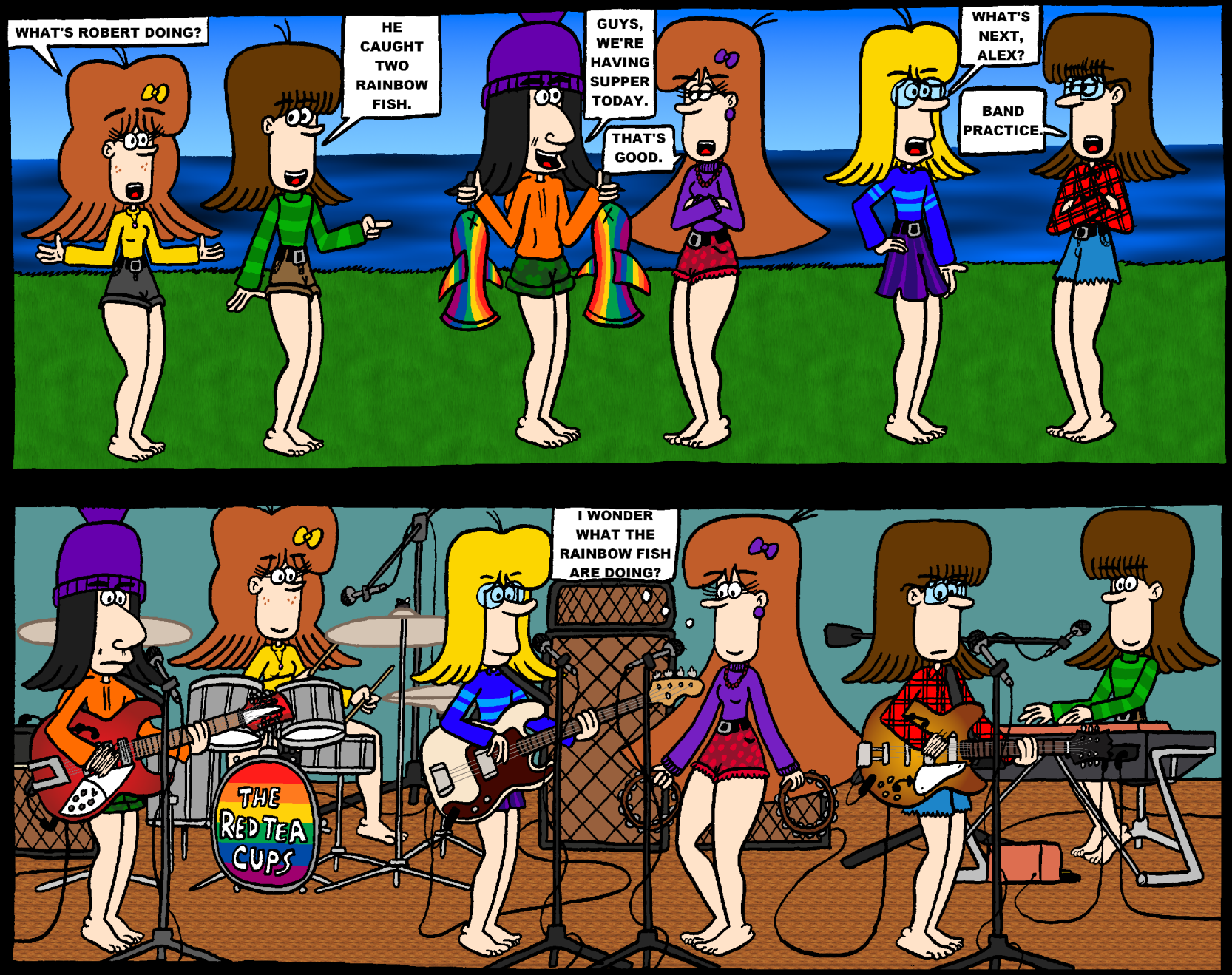

NO ONE SEES A CAT DO GRAFFITI IN THIS ECO-VILLAGE.
GOODBYE HIPSTER
BeerCity 2 MotorCity
10 YEARS OF SYD'S WORLD
Find Your Own Business
IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK W METRO DETROIT
Gravity Falls is TEN
SEVEN WORDS AT 50
VOTE LIBERTARIAN IN '12
Alfie Was Here
I RESENT AUTHORITY
GOODBYE EASTOWN
I'M AN EVIL CAT.


LOOK, GUYS! A RAINBOW FISH!
THAT RAINBOW FISH LOOKS COOL!
IT'S JUMPING!
NO KIDDING. THEY ARE COLORFUL.
THIS IS FUN.
I WONDER IF MOM AND DAD ARE WATCH-ING THESE STRANGE FISH.

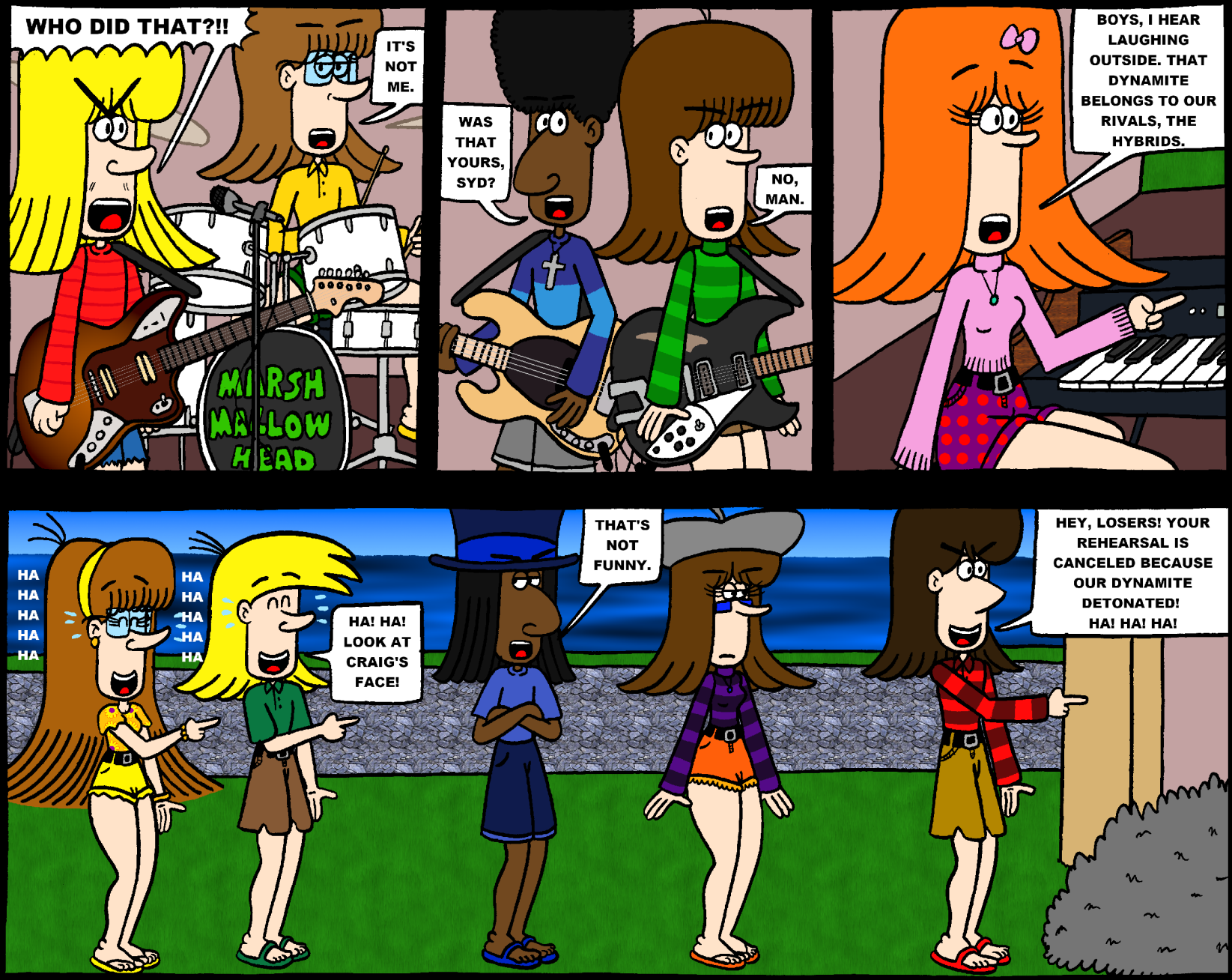
THOSE FISH LOOK STRANGE.
THAT'S A RAINBOW FISH, HONEY.

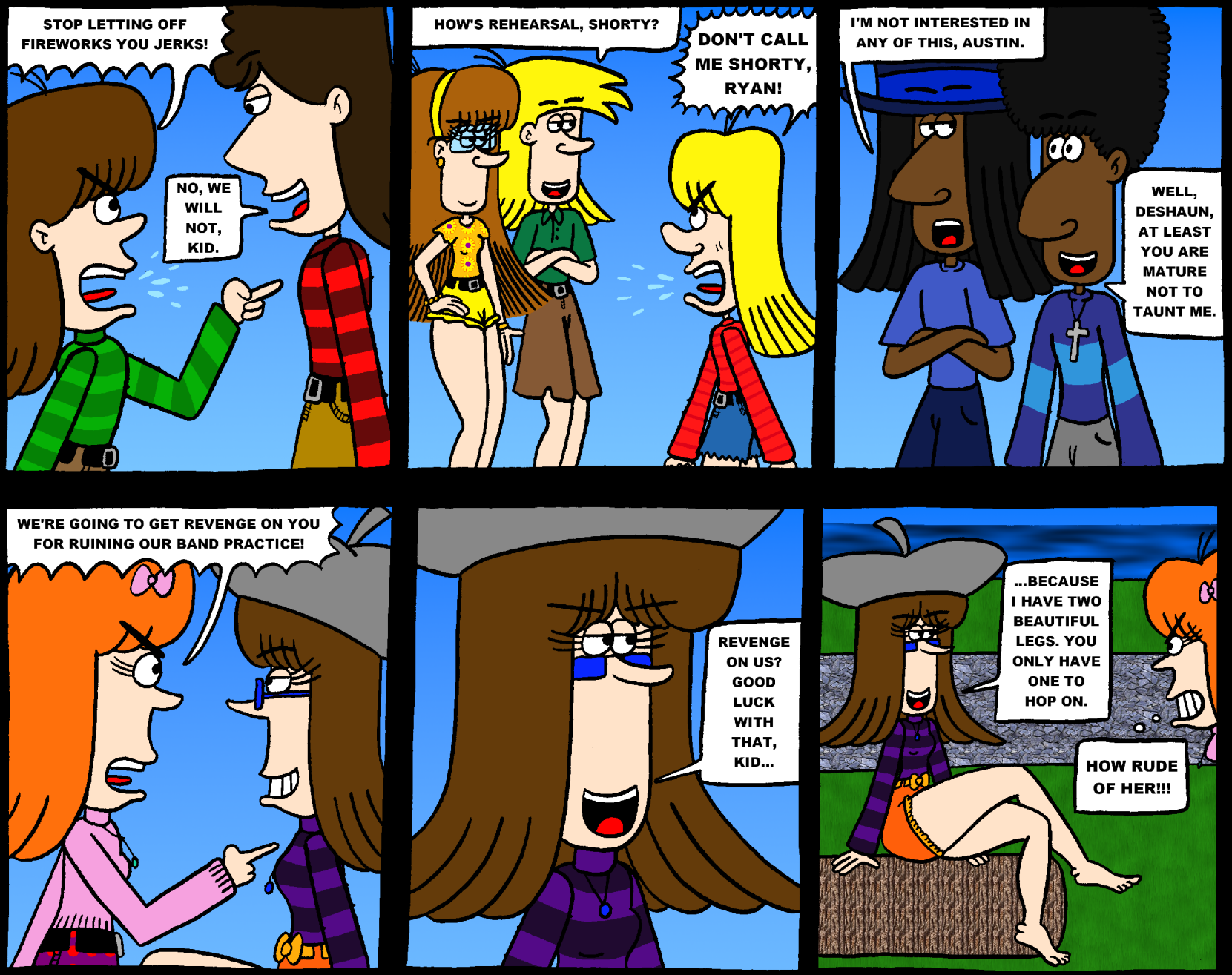

THOSE TYPE OF FISH THRIVE DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE AND THEY CAN BE FOUND IN PUBLIC RESTROOMS.

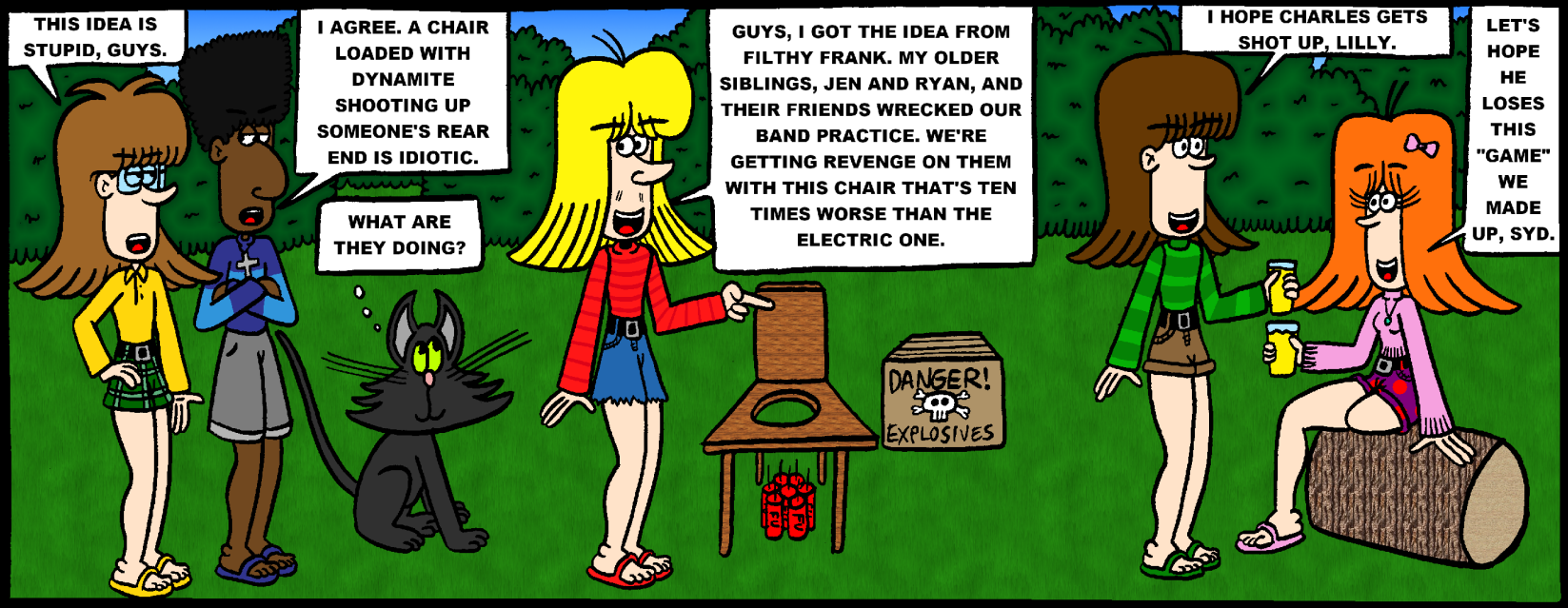
WELL, WARD, I BET THE JANITORS LOVED CLEANING UP THEIR MESS AFTER THEM.

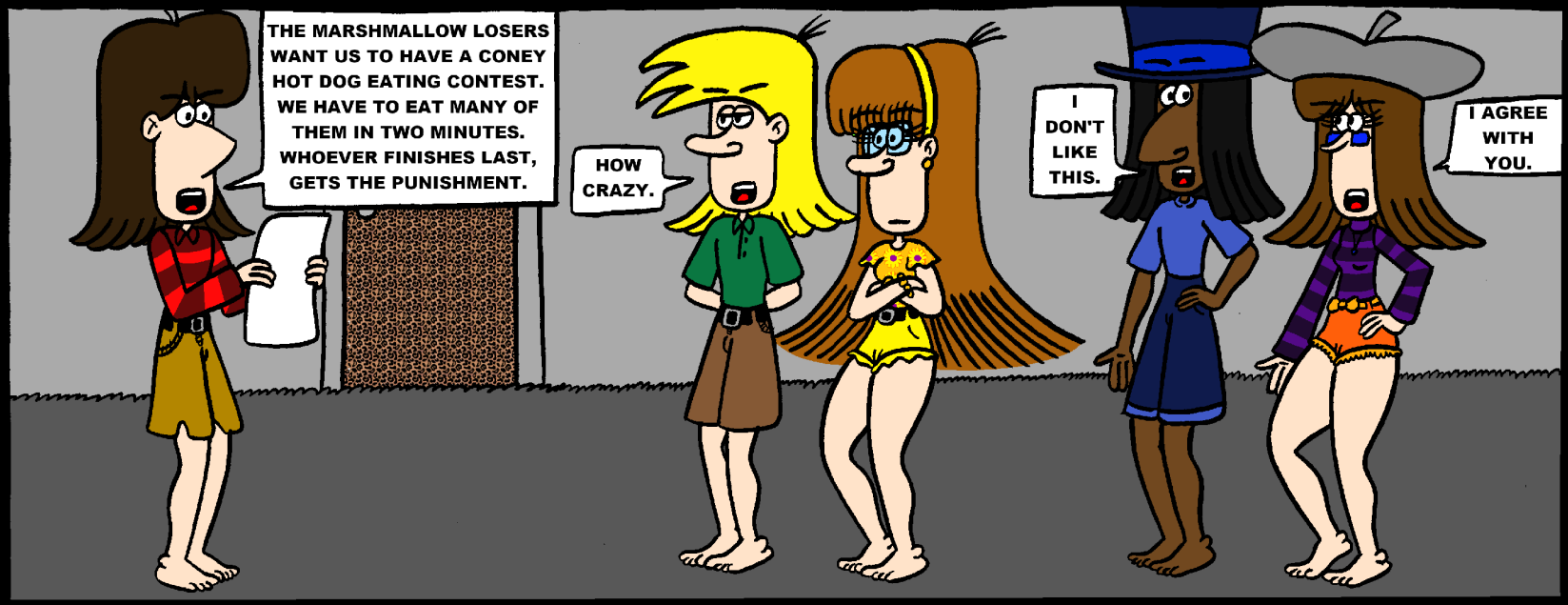

WHAT'S ROBERT DOING?
HE CAUGHT TWO RAINBOW FISH.
GUYS, WE'RE HAVING SUPPER TODAY.
THAT'S GOOD.
WHAT'S NEXT, ALEX?
BAND PRACTICE.
I WONDER WHAT THE RAINBOW FISH ARE DOING?
THE RED TEA CUPS

MARSH MALLOW HEAD
I'm happy that I live in a bad neighborhood.
I'm thankful that you threw away my records.
The west side is not the best.
The east side is not the least.
I don't care if the world's not safe.
I'm happy the sky looks gray.
F.U.
And I'm wondering if the future is bleak...
IS THAT DYNAMITE??
YES, IT IS, SYD.
BOOM!


WHO DID THAT?!!
IT'S NOT ME.
MARSH MALLOW HEAD
WAS THAT YOURS, SYD?
NO, MAN.
BOYS, I HEAR LAUGHING OUTSIDE. THAT DYNAMITE BELONGS TO OUR RIVALS, THE HYBRIDS.
HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA HA
HA! HA! LOOK AT CRAIG'S FACE!
THAT'S NOT FUNNY.
HEY, LOSERS! YOUR REHEARSAL IS CANCELED BECAUSE OUR DYNAMITE DETONATED! HA! HA! HA!


STOP LETTING OFF FIREWORKS YOU JERKS!
NO, WE WILL NOT, KID.
HOW'S REHEARSAL, SHORTY?
DON'T CALL ME SHORTY, RYAN!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ANY OF THIS, AUSTIN.
WELL, DESHAUN, AT LEAST YOU ARE MATURE NOT TO TAUNT ME.
WE'RE GOING TO GET REVENGE ON YOU FOR RUINING OUR BAND PRACTICE!
REVENGE ON US? GOOD LUCK WITH THAT, KID...
...BECAUSE I HAVE TWO BEAUTIFUL LEGS. YOU ONLY HAVE ONE TO HOP ON.
HOW RUDE OF HER!!!


THIS IDEA IS STUPID, GUYS.
I AGREE. A CHAIR LOADED WITH DYNAMITE SHOOTING UP SOMEONE'S REAR END IS IDIOTIC.
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
GUYS, I GOT THE IDEA FROM FILTHY FRANK. MY OLDER SIBLINGS, JEN AND RYAN, AND THEIR FRIENDS WRECKED OUR BAND PRACTICE. WE'RE GETTING REVENGE ON THEM WITH THIS CHAIR THAT'S TEN TIMES WORSE THAN THE ELECTRIC ONE.
DANGER! EXPLOSIVES
I HOPE CHARLES GETS SHOT UP, LILLY.
LET'S HOPE HE LOSES THIS "GAME" WE MADE UP, SYD.


THE MARSHMALLOW LOSERS WANT US TO HAVE A CONEY HOT DOG EATING CONTEST. WE HAVE TO EAT MANY OF THEM IN TWO MINUTES. WHOEVER FINISHES LAST, GETS THE PUNISHMENT.
HOW CRAZY.
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
I AGREE WITH YOU.

LATER...
REMEMBER THE RULE: WHOEVER FINISHES IN LAST PLACE AFTER EATING CONEY HOT DOGS FOR TWO MINUTES RECEIVES SEVERE PUNISHMENT.
GOOD LUCK EATING ALL THOSE CONEY FOOTLONGS, EVERYONE!
ON YOUR MARK...
GET SET...
GO!
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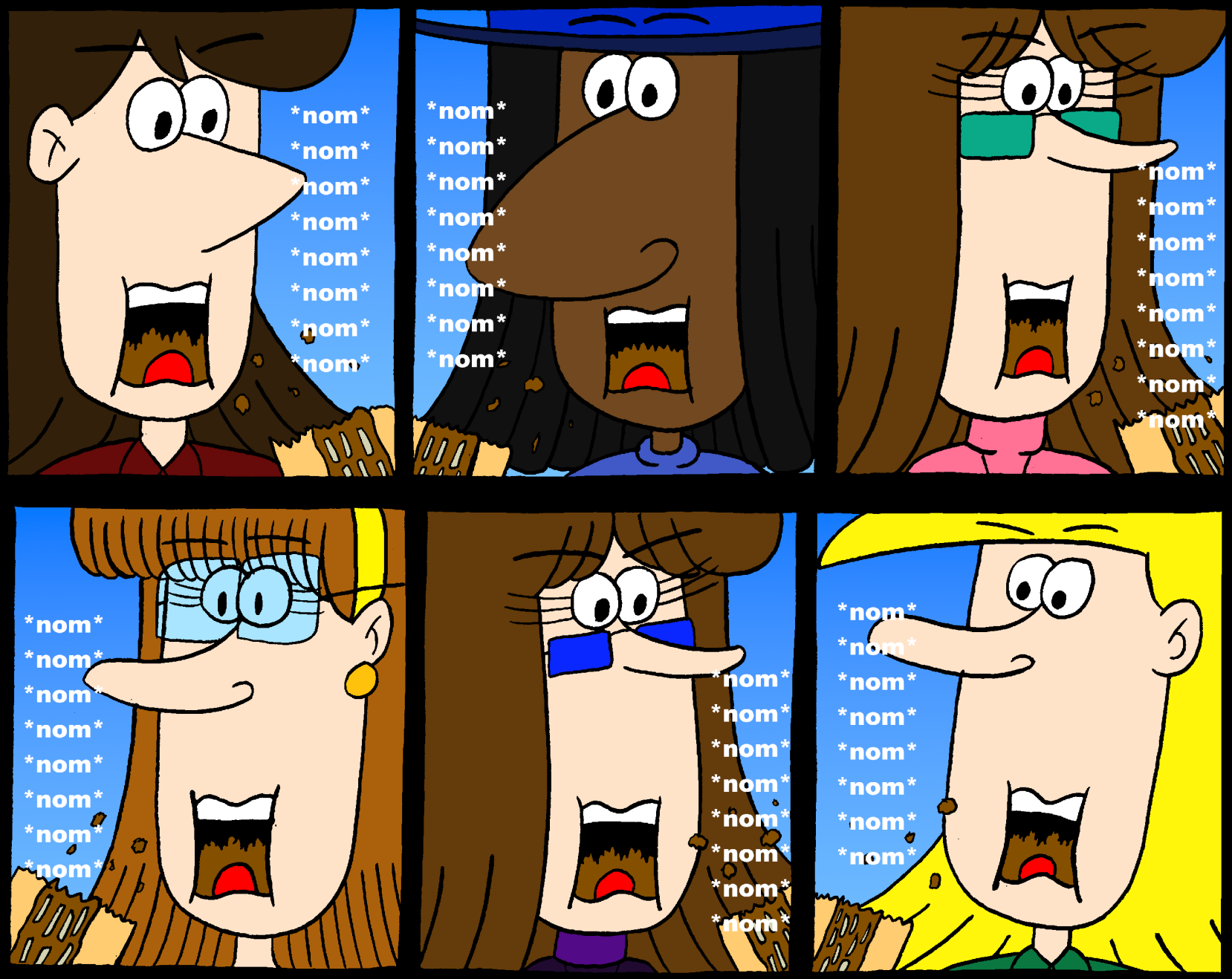
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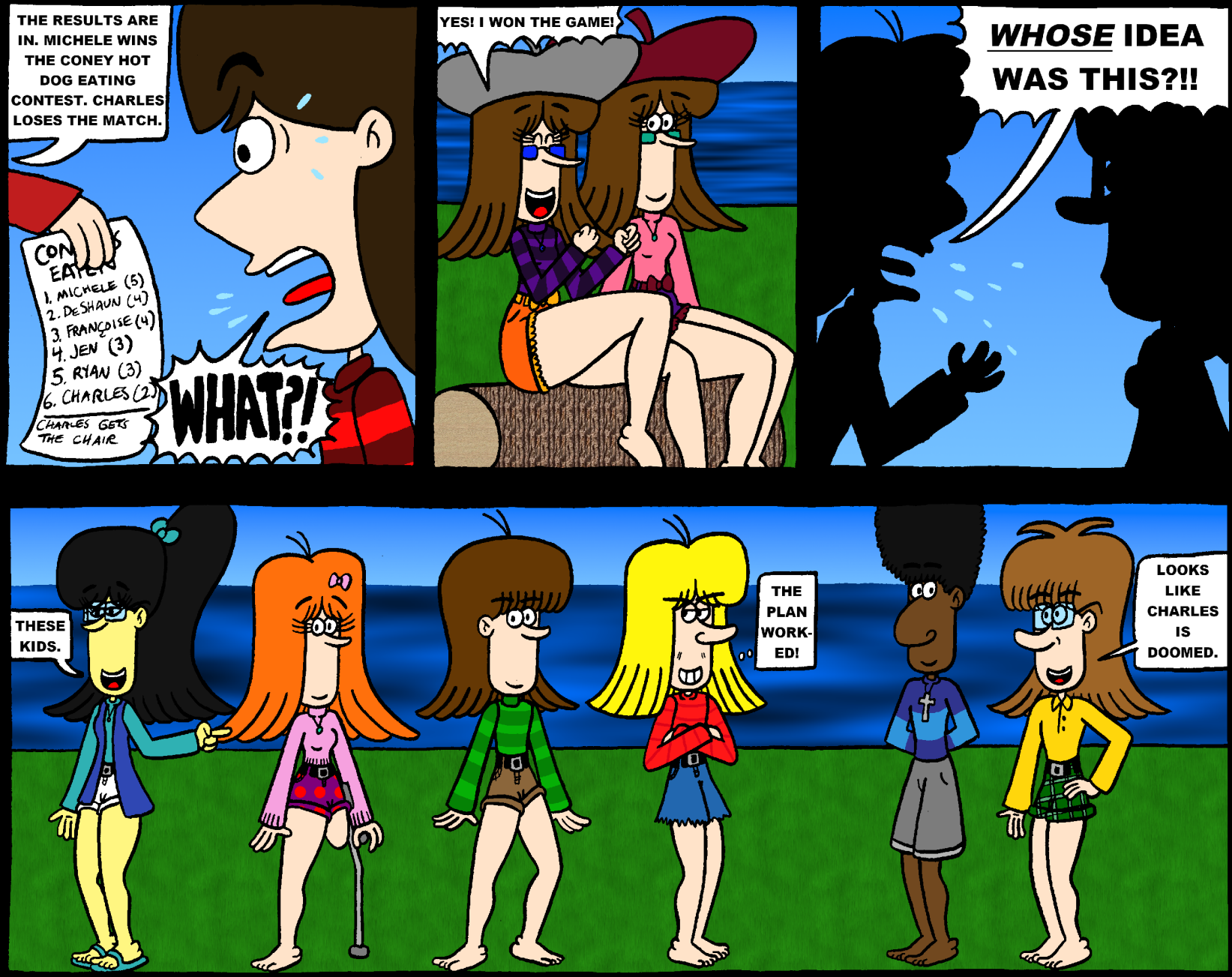
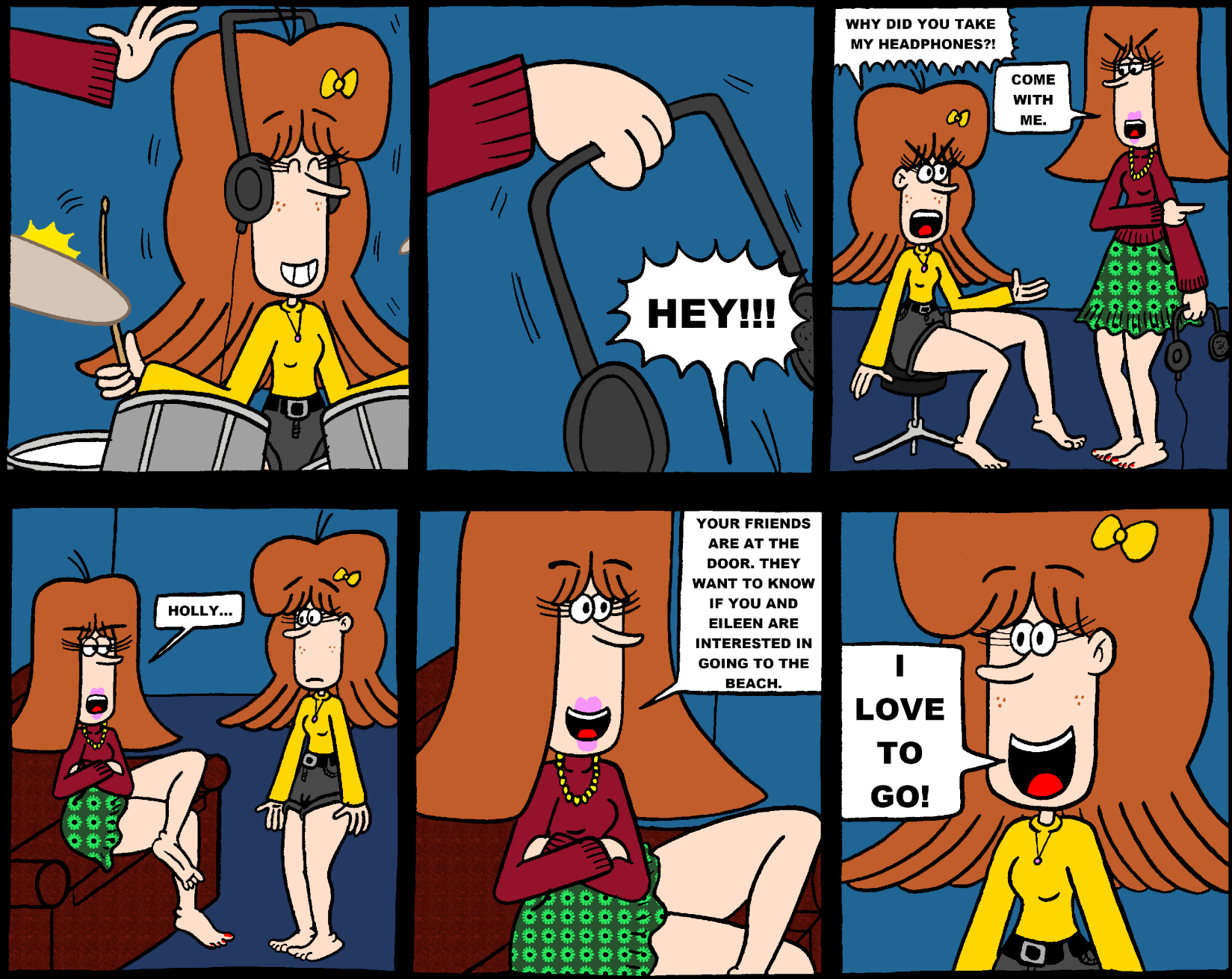
OKAY, EVERYONE. TIME'S UP!
WE'LL BE BACK WITH THE FINAL RESULTS. DON'T GO ANYWHERE.
ANOTHER POLICE SHOOTING IN GRAND RAPIDS HAPPENED.
I HEARD ABOUT IT. PATRICK LYOYA GOT SHOT BY COPS. THE POLICE WORK FOR THE STATE, NOT FOR US.
I HOPE I DON'T GET SHOT TODAY.
ME TOO, DESHAUN.
I THINK WE DID WELL.
HEY CHARLES, YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE THIS CONTEST.

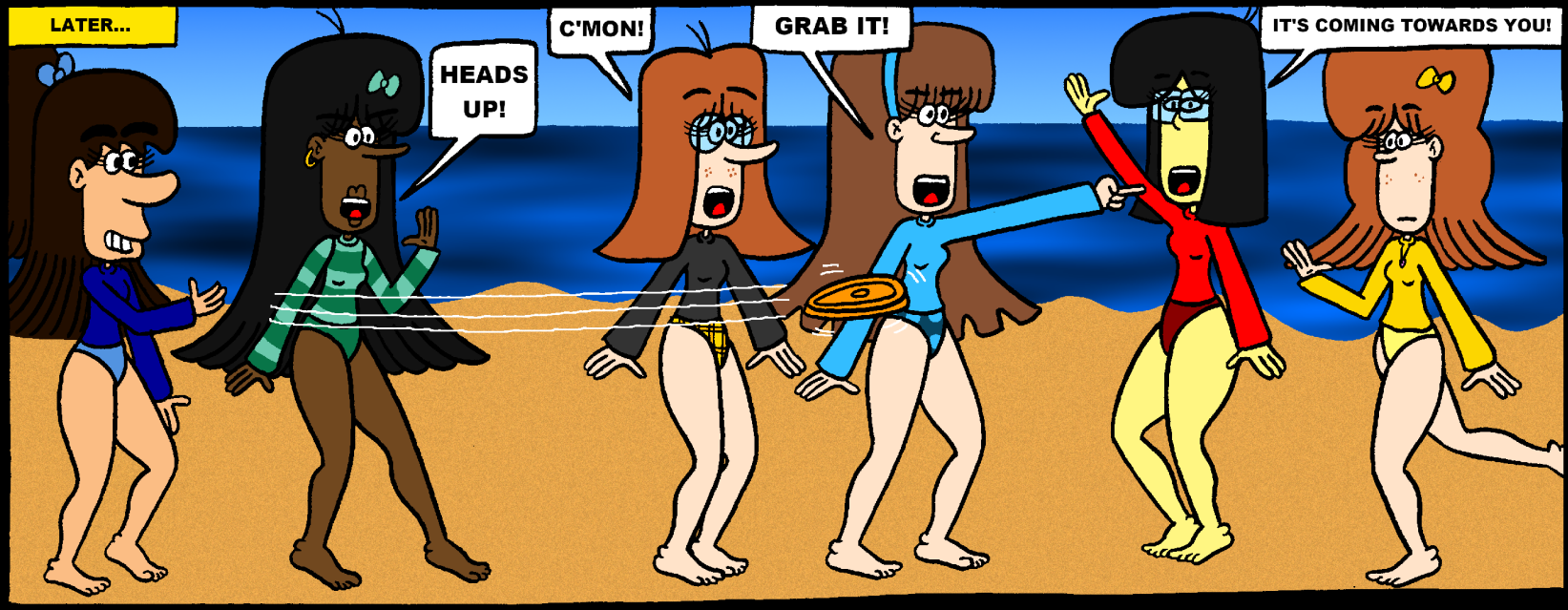

THE RESULTS ARE IN. MICHELE WINS THE CONEY HOT DOG EATING CONTEST. CHARLES LOSES THE MATCH.
CON
EATE
1. MICHELE (5)
2. DESHAUN (4)
3. FRANÇOISE (4)
4. JEN (3)
5. RYAN (3)
6. CHARLES (2)
CHARLES GETS THE CHAIR
WHAT?!
YES! I WON THE GAME!
WHOSE IDEA WAS THIS?!!
THESE KIDS.
THE PLAN WORK-ED!
LOOKS LIKE CHARLES IS DOOMED.

NO! NOT THE CHAIR! NOT THE CHAIR!
SINCE YOU LOST THE CONEY HOT DOG EATING CONTEST, SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR MANHOOD, CHARLES. HA! HA! HA!
AAAAAA-AAAAAA-AAAGH!!!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
IT'S FUN WATCHING CHARLES GETTING HIS REAR END SHOT UP.
HIS TROUSER SNAKE GOT FRIED.
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE WIN, MICHELE.
THANK YOU, JEN. YOU REALLY ARE A TRUE FRIEND.

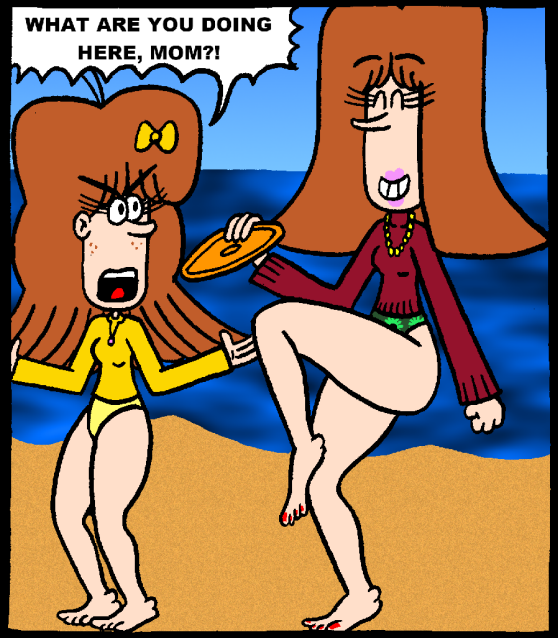
THIS WILL BE FUN...
THE RED TEA CUPS
CAN HOLLY COME TO THE BEACH WITH ME, SANDY, INES, AND WENDY?
SURE, KRISTEN. I WILL GET HOLLY AND SEE IF SHE WANTS TO GO.
HOLLY!
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
HOLLY!!! OPEN THE DOOR NOW!!!
KNOCK KNOCK
KNOCK


HEY!!!
WHY DID YOU TAKE MY HEADPHONES?!
COME WITH ME.
HOLLY...
YOUR FRIENDS ARE AT THE DOOR. THEY WANT TO KNOW IF YOU AND EILEEN ARE INTERESTED IN GOING TO THE BEACH.
I LOVE TO GO!

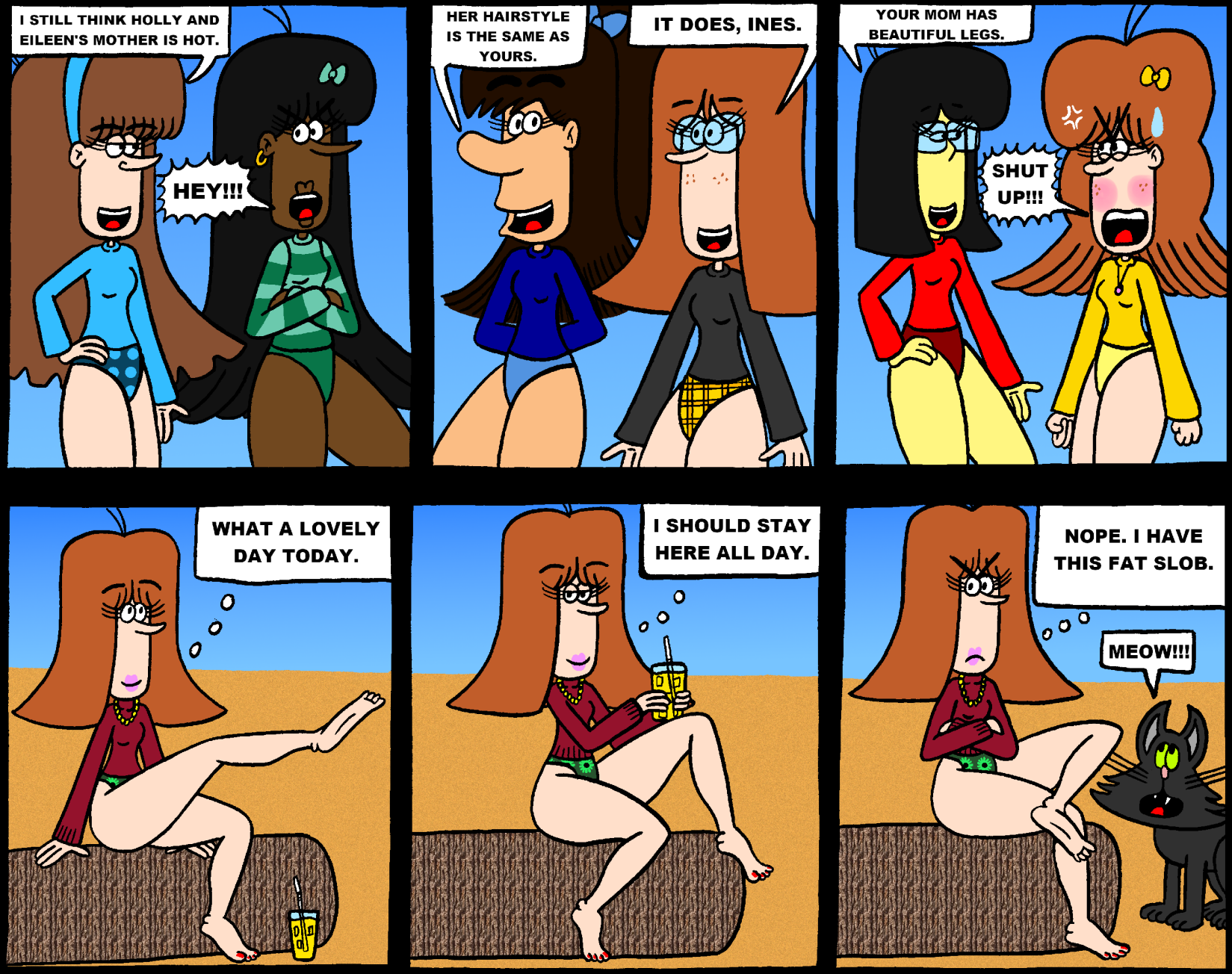
HELLO GIRLS!
THANK YOU FOR COMING!
READY TO HIT THE BEACH?
SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO, GIRLS?
WE SHOULD THROW THIS FRISBEE.
BUILD A SANDCASTLE.
PLAY A GAME OF KICKBALL.
EILEEN HAS AN IDEA.
I WANT TO SWIM UNDERWATER.


LATER...
HEADS UP!
C'MON!
GRAB IT!
IT'S COMING TOWARDS YOU!

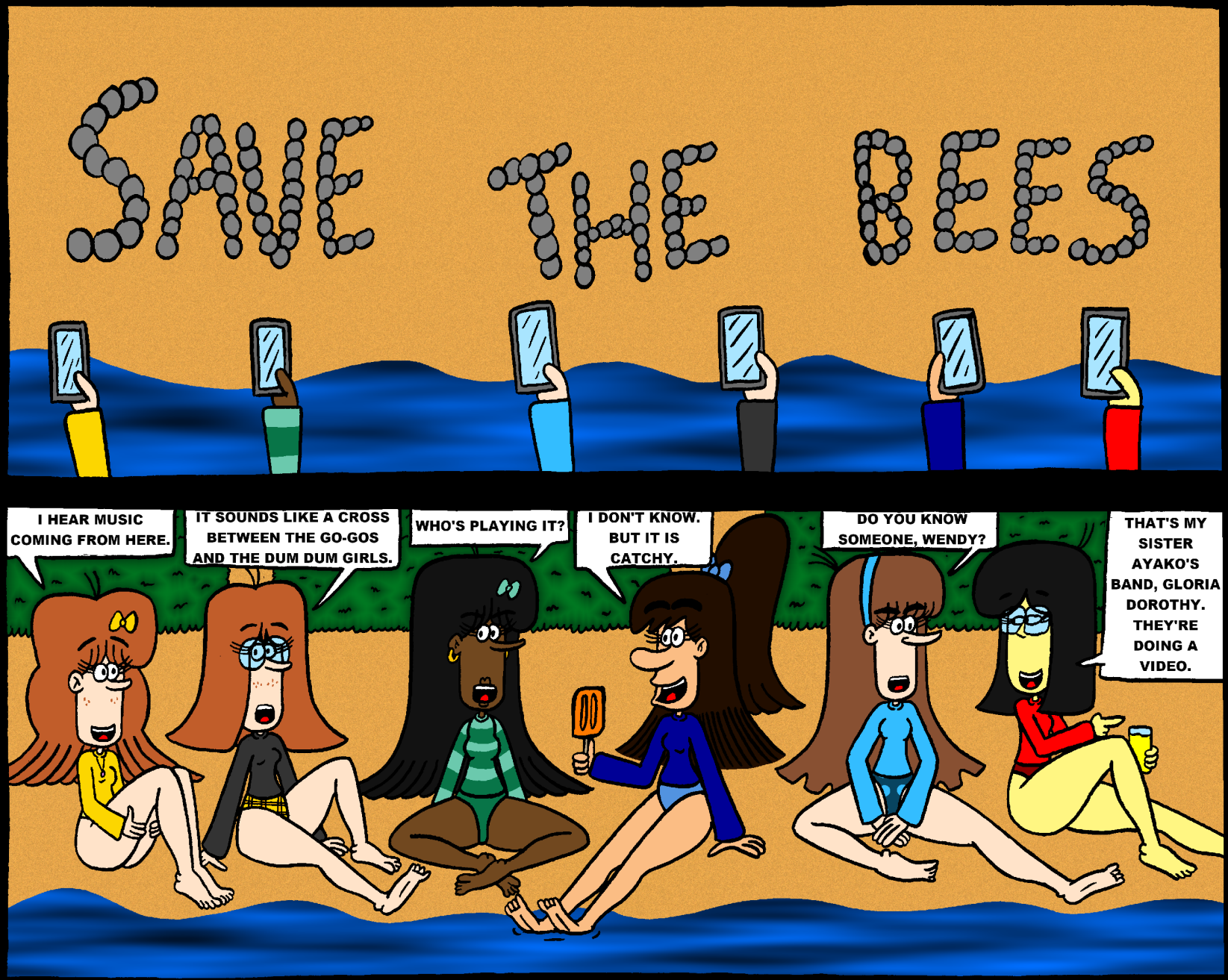
GOT IT!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MOM?!

I CAME TO RELAX IN THE SUN AND CHECK ON YOU, YOUR SISTER, AND YOUR FRIENDS TO SEE IF YOU'RE ALRIGHT.

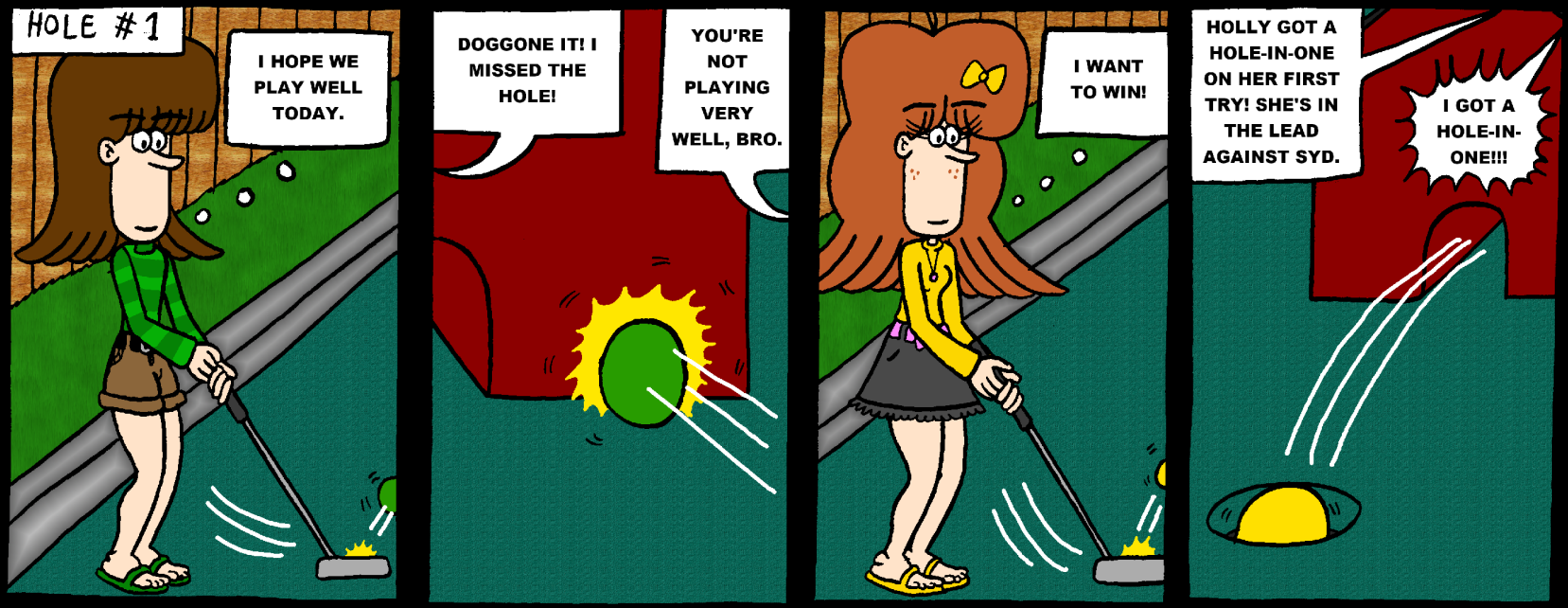

I STILL THINK HOLLY AND EILEEN'S MOTHER IS HOT.
HEY!!!
HER HAIRSTYLE IS THE SAME AS YOURS.
IT DOES, INES.
YOUR MOM HAS BEAUTIFUL LEGS.
SHUT UP!!!
WHAT A LOVELY DAY TODAY.
I SHOULD STAY HERE ALL DAY.
NOPE. I HAVE THIS FAT SLOB.
MEOW!!!

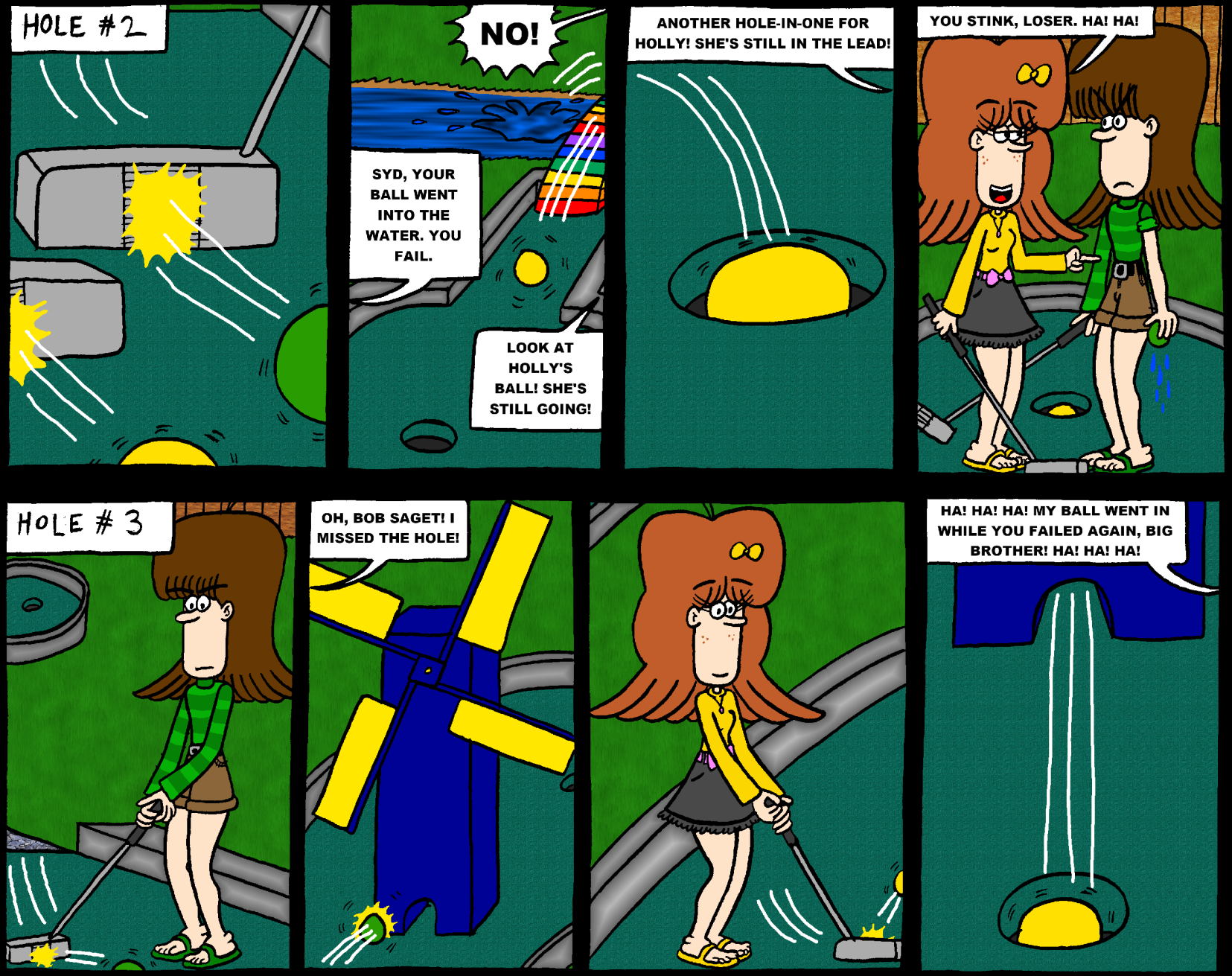
SANDY FOUND A MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE FLOATING IN THE LAKE FOR A FEW MONTHS.
IT READS: ELON MUSK OF TESLA BUYS TWITTER FOR $44 BILLION.
RUSSIA CUTS OFF NATURAL GAS TO POLAND AND BULGARIA.
I HAVE A BIG ROCK TO PUT INTO MY BUCKET.
I THINK HOLLY WANTED US TO WRITE A MESSAGE ABOUT OUR FUTURE.
SHOULD I PICK THE BIG ROCK OR THE SMALL ROCK?

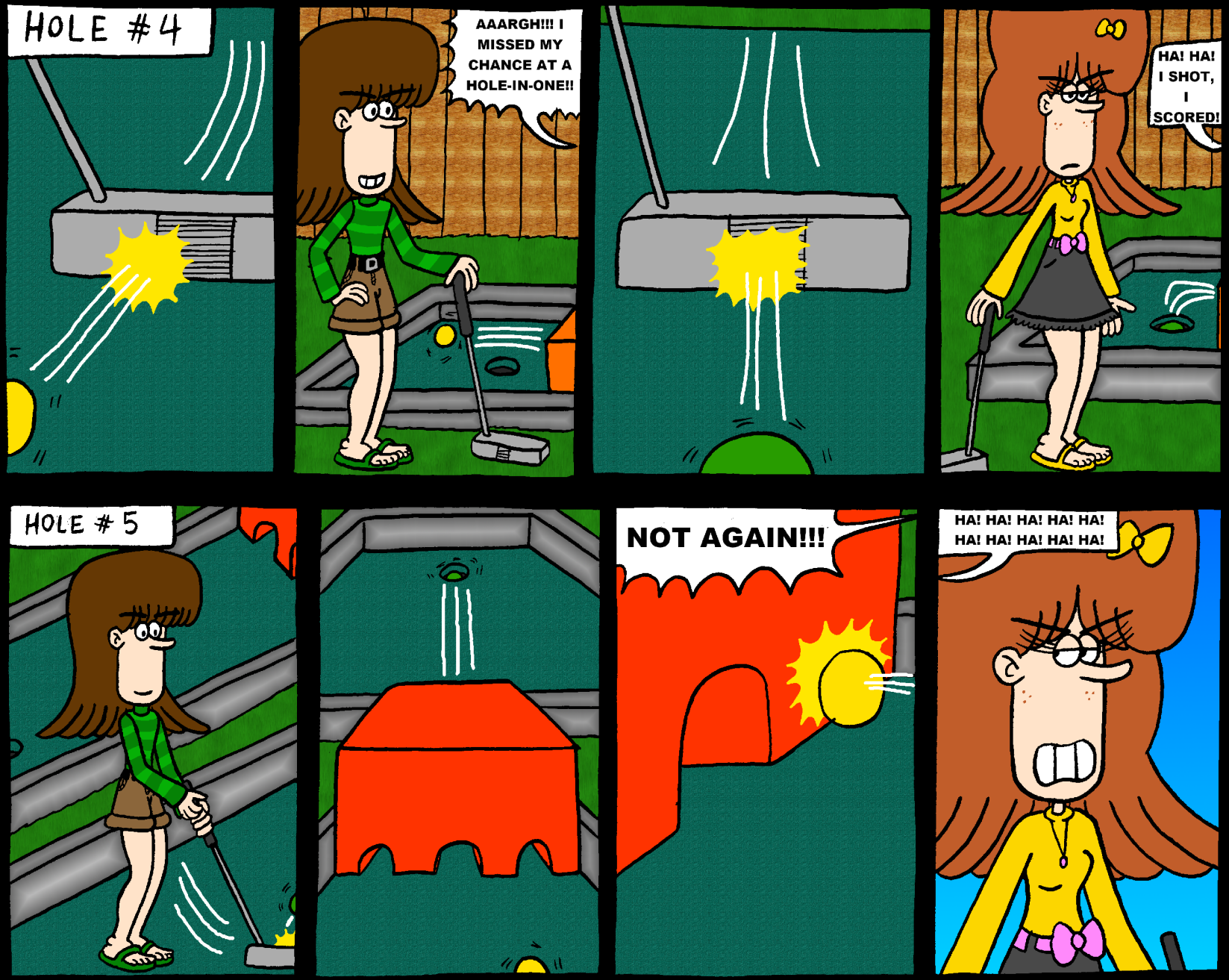

SAVE THE BEES
I HEAR MUSIC COMING FROM HERE.
IT SOUNDS LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN THE GO-GOS AND THE DUM DUM GIRLS.
WHO'S PLAYING IT?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT IT IS CATCHY.
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE, WENDY?
THAT'S MY SISTER AYAKO'S BAND, GLORIA DOROTHY. THEY'RE DOING A VIDEO.

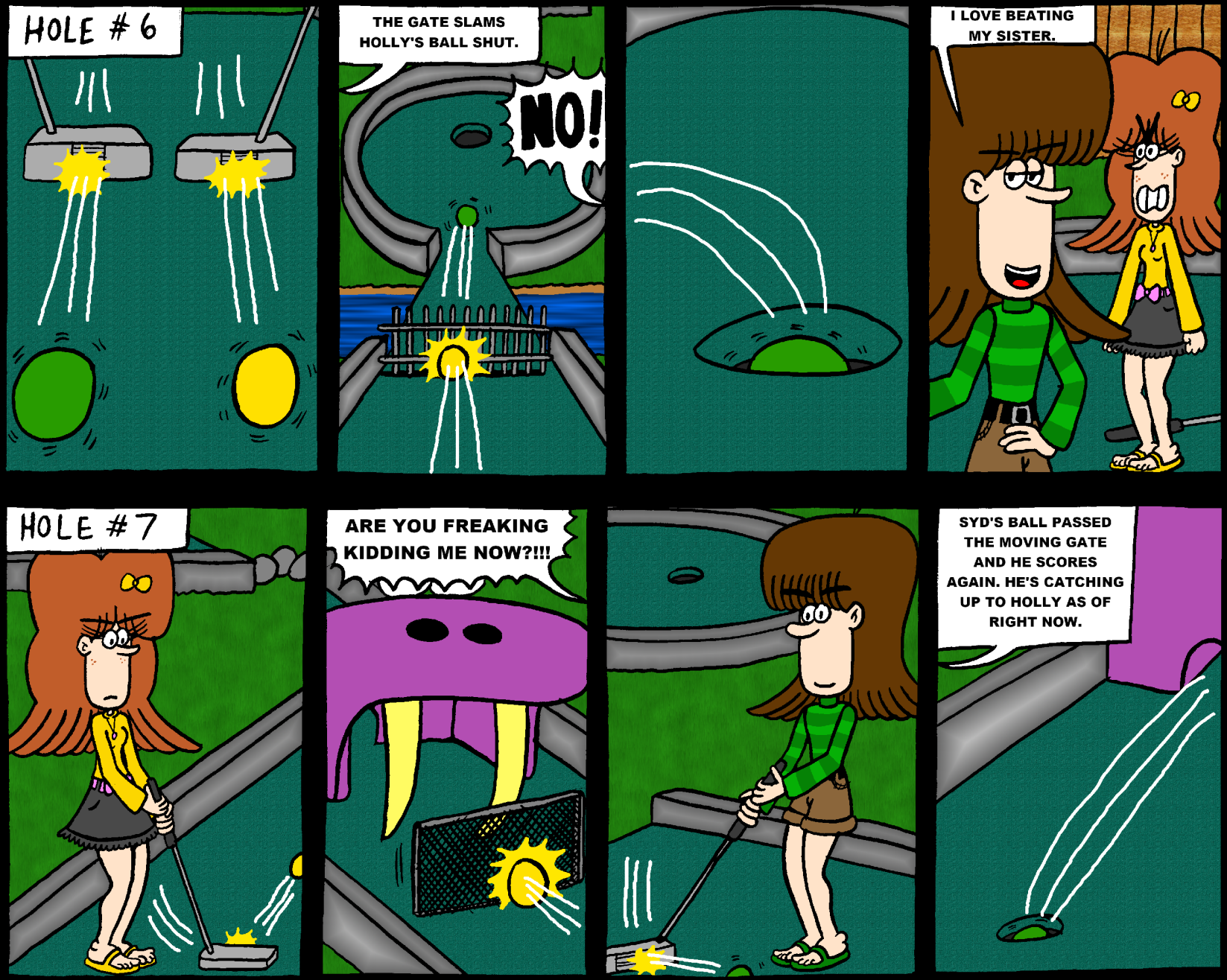
GLORIA
DOROTHY

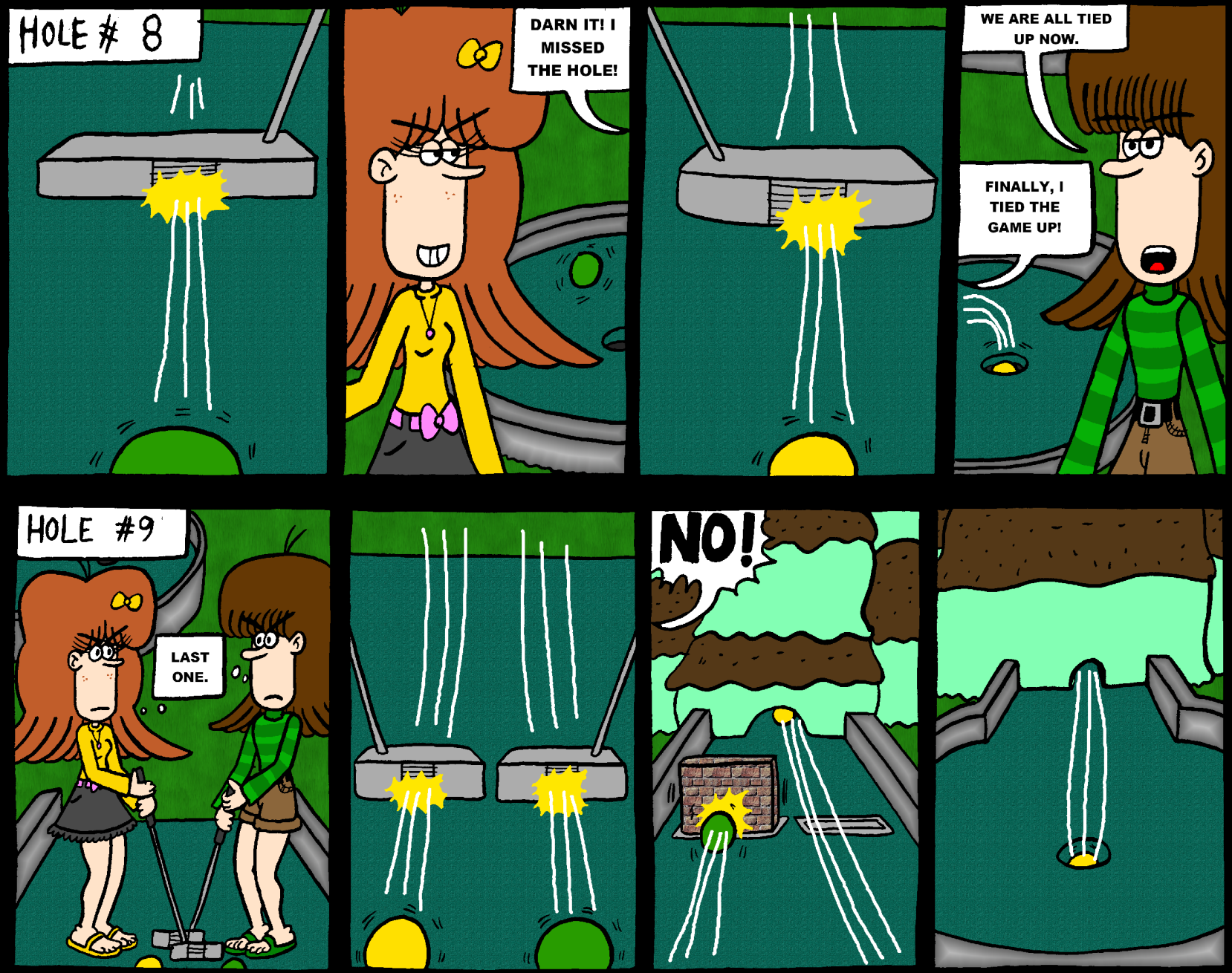
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT JOSH DUGGAR?
YEP.
THAT SUCK F*** IS GOING TO JAIL FOR A LONG TIME.
12.5 YEARS TO BE HONEST.
IF YOU LOSE, YOU PAY.

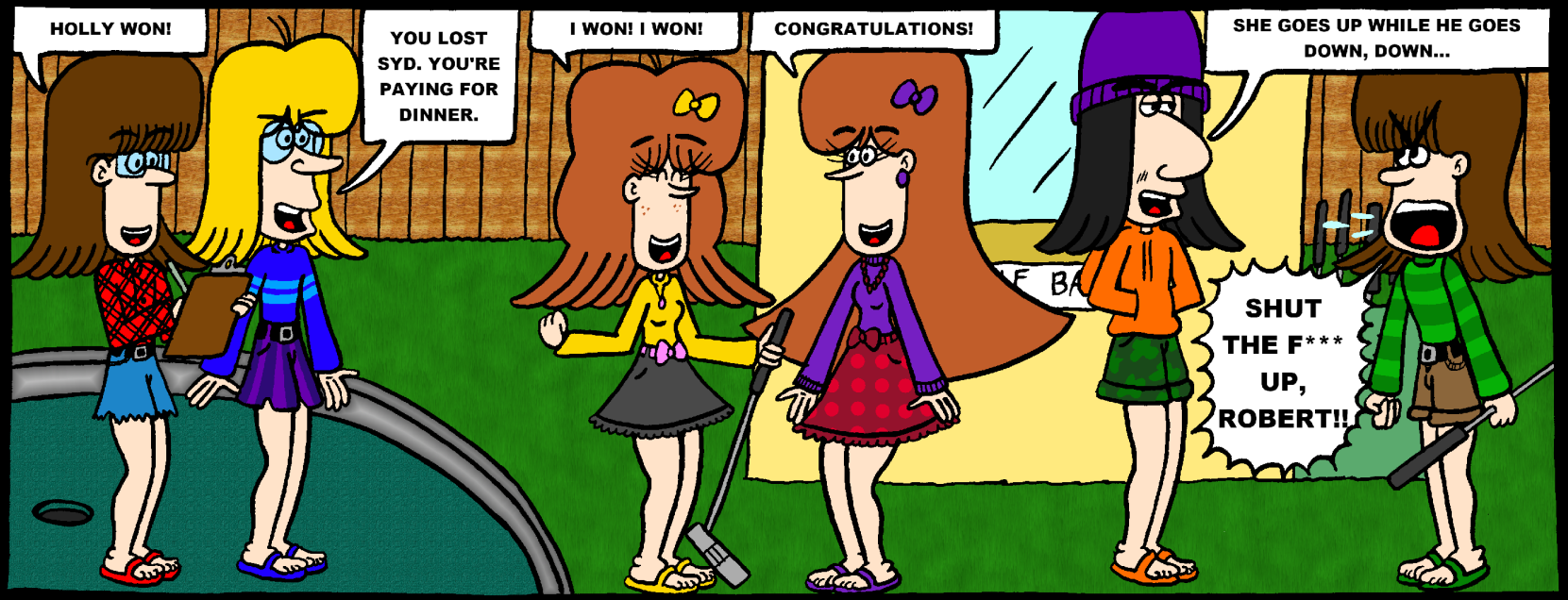

HOLE #1
I HOPE WE PLAY WELL TODAY.
DOGGONE IT! I MISSED THE HOLE!
YOU'RE NOT PLAYING VERY WELL, BRO.
I WANT TO WIN!
HOLLY GOT A HOLE-IN-ONE ON HER FIRST TRY! SHE'S IN THE LEAD AGAINST SYD.
I GOT A HOLE-IN-ONE!!!

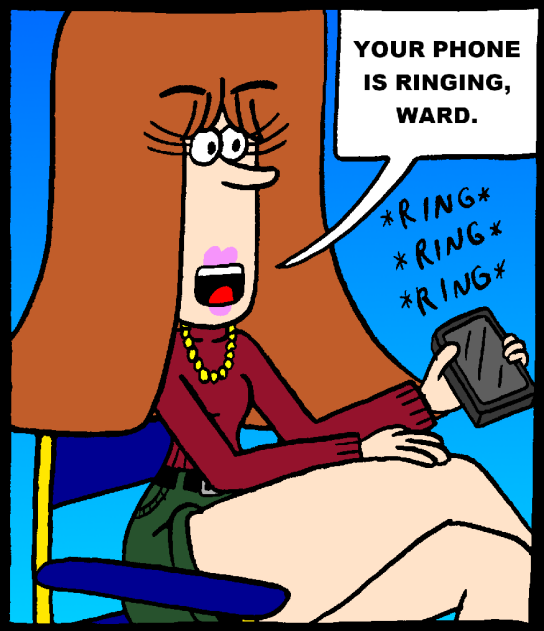

HOLE #2
NO!
SYD, YOUR BALL WENT INTO THE WATER. YOU FAIL.
LOOK AT HOLLY'S BALL! SHE'S STILL GOING!
ANOTHER HOLE-IN-ONE FOR HOLLY! SHE'S STILL IN THE LEAD!
YOU STINK, LOSER. HA! HA!
HOLE # 3
OH, BOB SAGET! I MISSED THE HOLE!
HA! HA! HA! MY BALL WENT IN WHILE YOU FAILED AGAIN, BIG BROTHER! HA! HA! HA!


HOLE #4
AAARGH!!! I MISSED MY CHANCE AT A HOLE-IN-ONE!!
HA! HA! I SHOT, I SCORED!
HOLE # 5
NOT AGAIN!!!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!


HOLE #6
THE GATE SLAMS HOLLY'S BALL SHUT.
NO!
I LOVE BEATING MY SISTER.
HOLE #7
ARE YOU FREAKING KIDDING ME NOW?!!!
SYD'S BALL PASSED THE MOVING GATE AND HE SCORES AGAIN. HE'S CATCHING UP TO HOLLY AS OF RIGHT NOW.

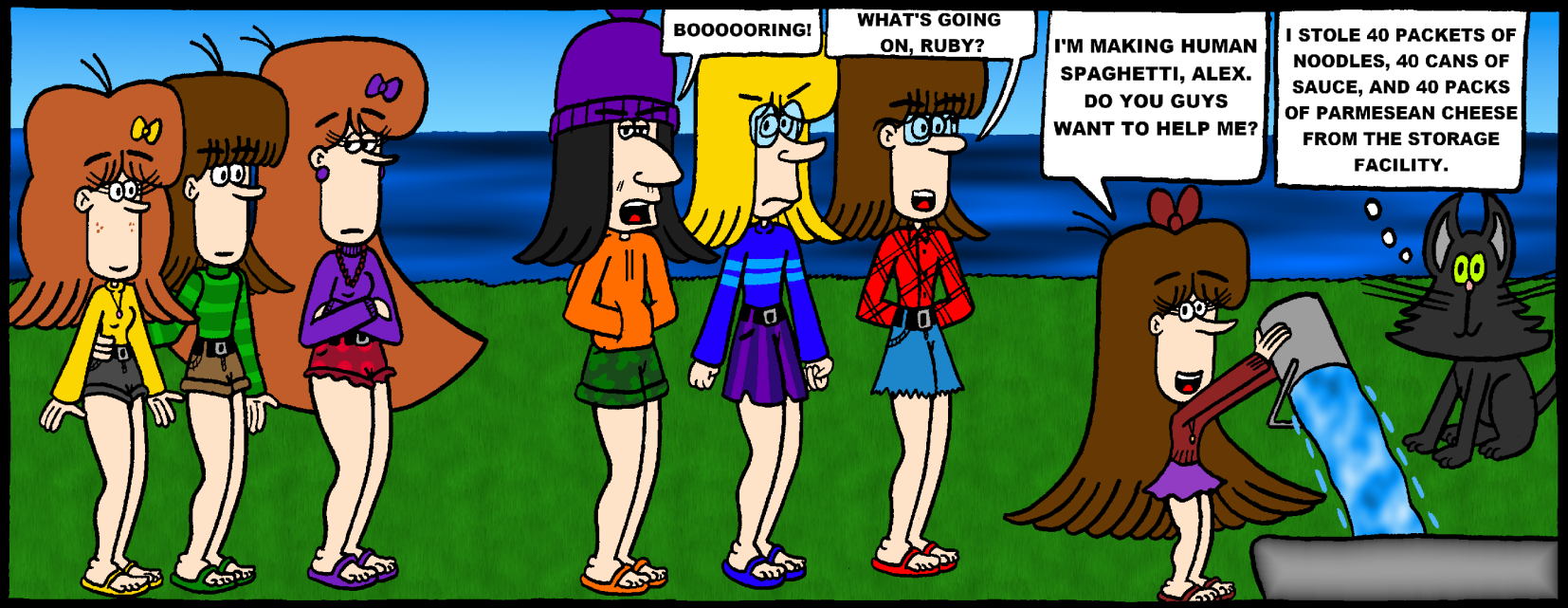

HOLE # 8
DARN IT! I MISSED THE HOLE!
WE ARE ALL TIED UP NOW.
FINALLY, I TIED THE GAME UP!
HOLE #9
LAST ONE.
NO!


HOLLY WON!
YOU LOST SYD. YOU'RE PAYING FOR DINNER.
I WON! I WON!
CONGRATULATIONS!
SHE GOES UP WHILE HE GOES DOWN, DOWN...
SHUT THE F*** UP, ROBERT!!


YOUR PHONE IS RINGING, WARD.
RING
RING
RING

HELLO?
DAD, IT'S ME, ALEX. SYD LOST TO HOLLY IN MINI-GOLF; SHE MADE HIM PAY $500 FOR DINNER.

REALLY? THAT MUCH?
THERE'S GOING TO BE HELL TO PAY...


BOOOOORING!
WHAT'S GOING ON, RUBY?
I'M MAKING HUMAN SPAGHETTI, ALEX. DO YOU GUYS WANT TO HELP ME?
I STOLE 40 PACKETS OF NOODLES, 40 CANS OF SAUCE, AND 40 PACKS OF PARMESEAN CHEESE FROM THE STORAGE FACILITY.

ALEX, WHY DOES RUBY NEED 40 PACKS OF NOODLES? THEY ARE $5.09 A BOX.

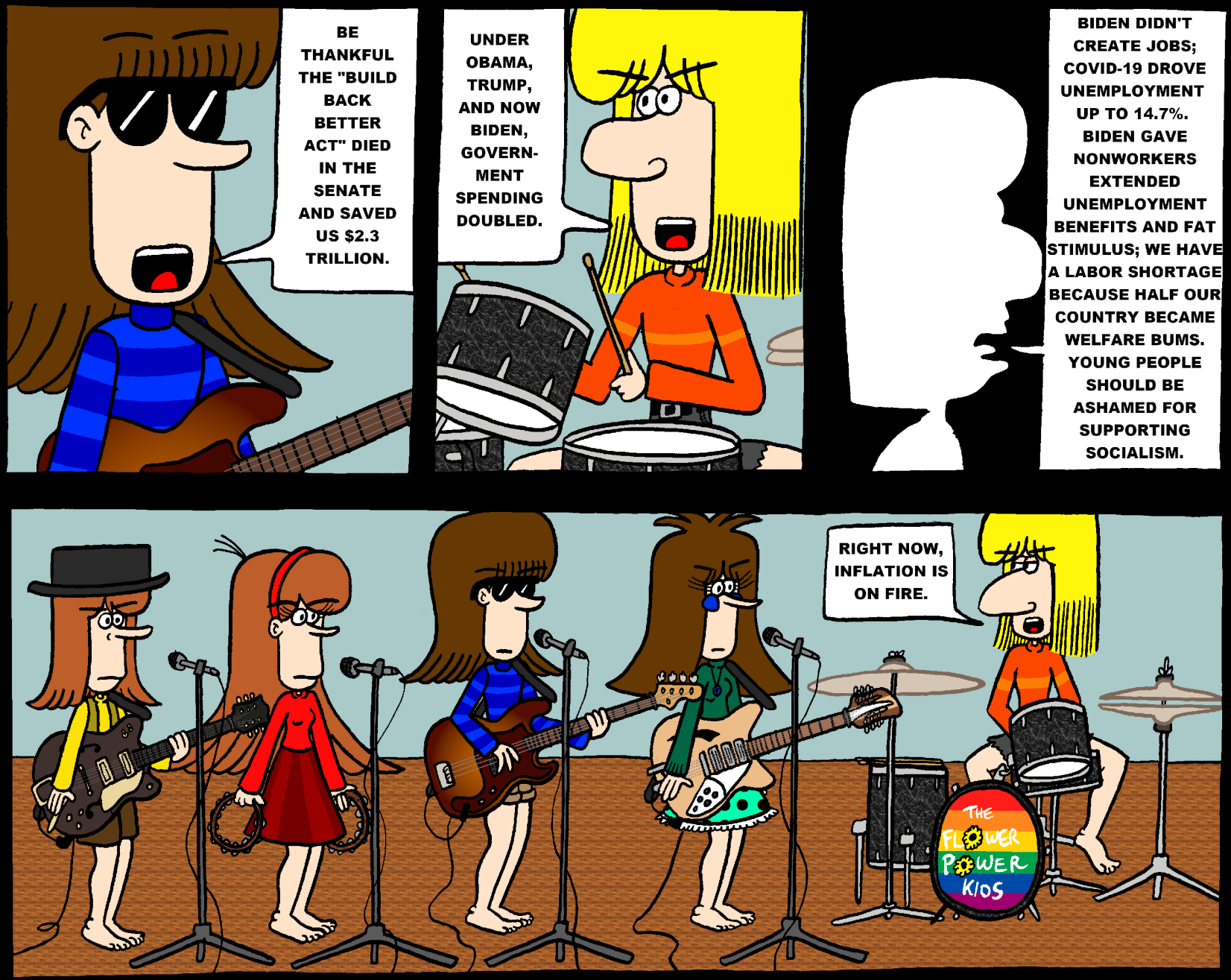
WHO KNOWS WITH RUBY, GRACE.
NOODLES

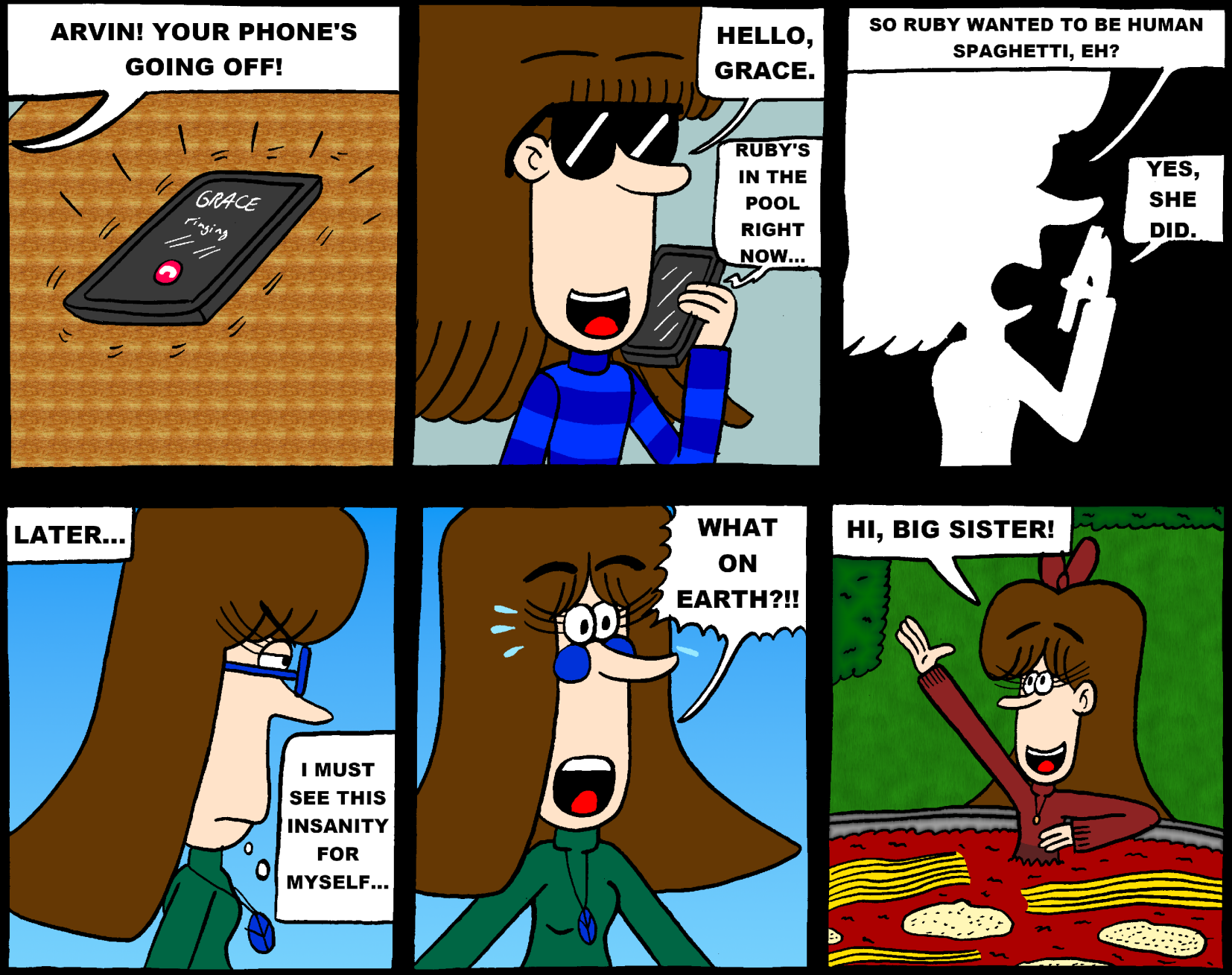
SHE'S USING THE SAME KIDDIE POOL WE USED FOR OUR ICE BATH LAST YEAR.

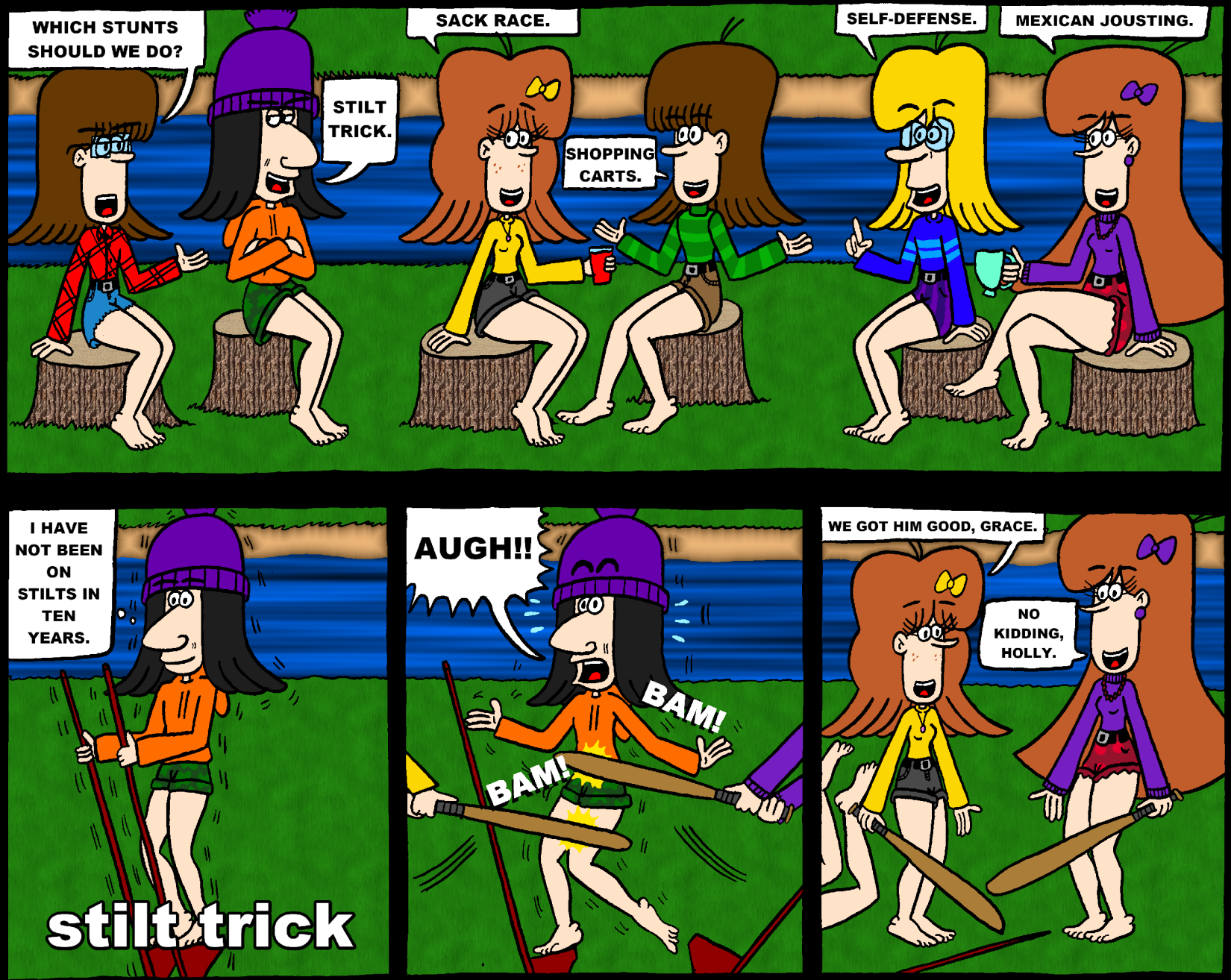
I REMEMBER SLAMMING OF THESE DOWN WHILE WE WERE MAKING PIZZA LAST YEAR.
IN WHICH ALFIE BURNED TO A CRISP. PLUS, WE GOT CHASTISED FOR NEARLY BURNING THE CABIN DOWN.
NOT TO MENTION THAT WE CAN'T COOK WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION ANYMORE.
I HOPE BIG SISTER LIKES THIS HUMAN SPAGHETTI WE'RE MAKING.
HEY! WHO TOOK THE REST OF THE CHEESE?!
I HAVE NO SHAME IN EATING ALL THESE STOLEN INGREDIENTS FROM THE STORAGE FACILITY!

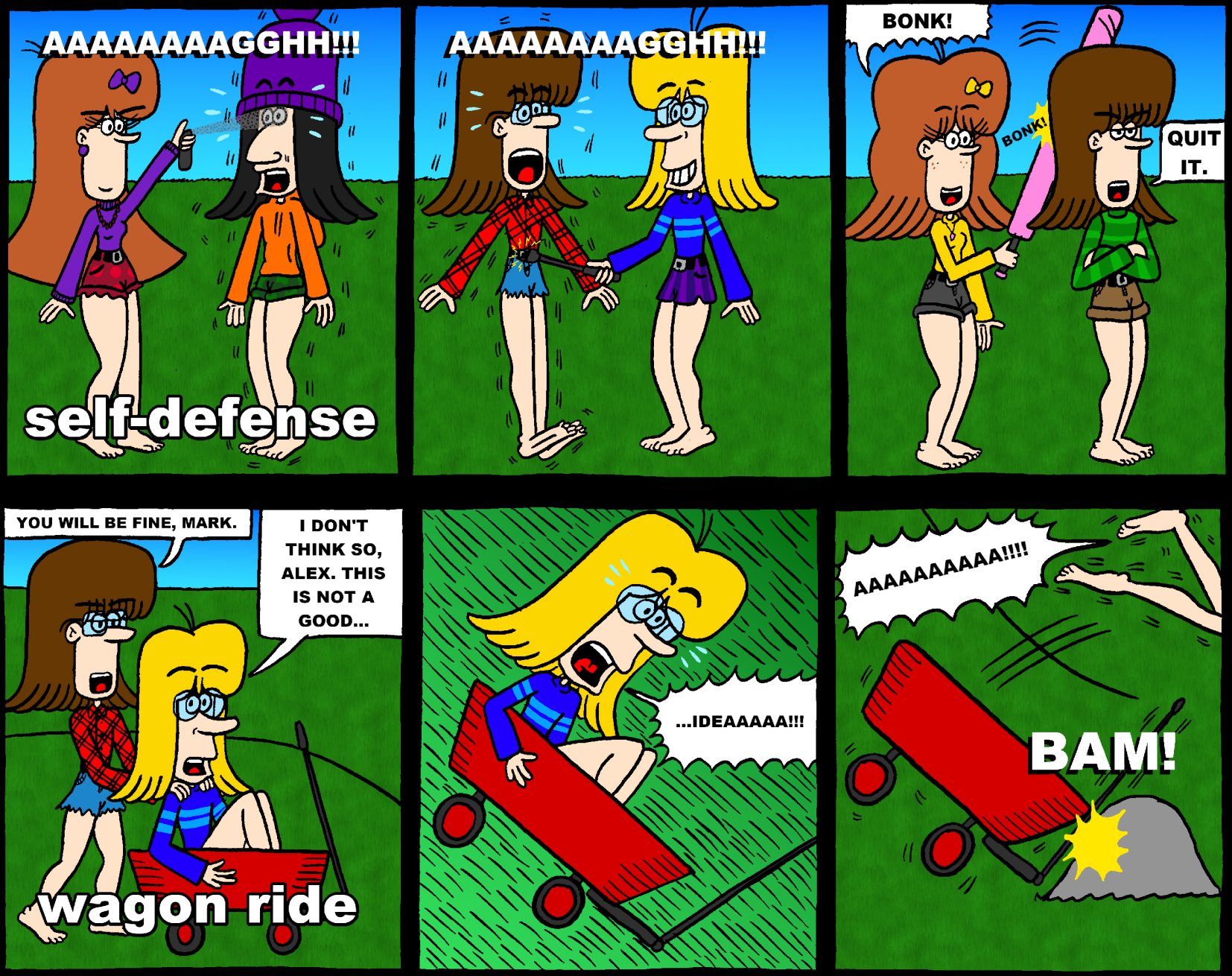
IT LOOKS PERFECT!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK! I GOT TO PUT ON MY SWIMSUIT!
I'M NOW READY TO JUMP IN THE POOL!
I'M GOING IN NOW!
AHHHHHH...
THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME WITH THIS HUMAN SPAGHETTI, EVERYONE!

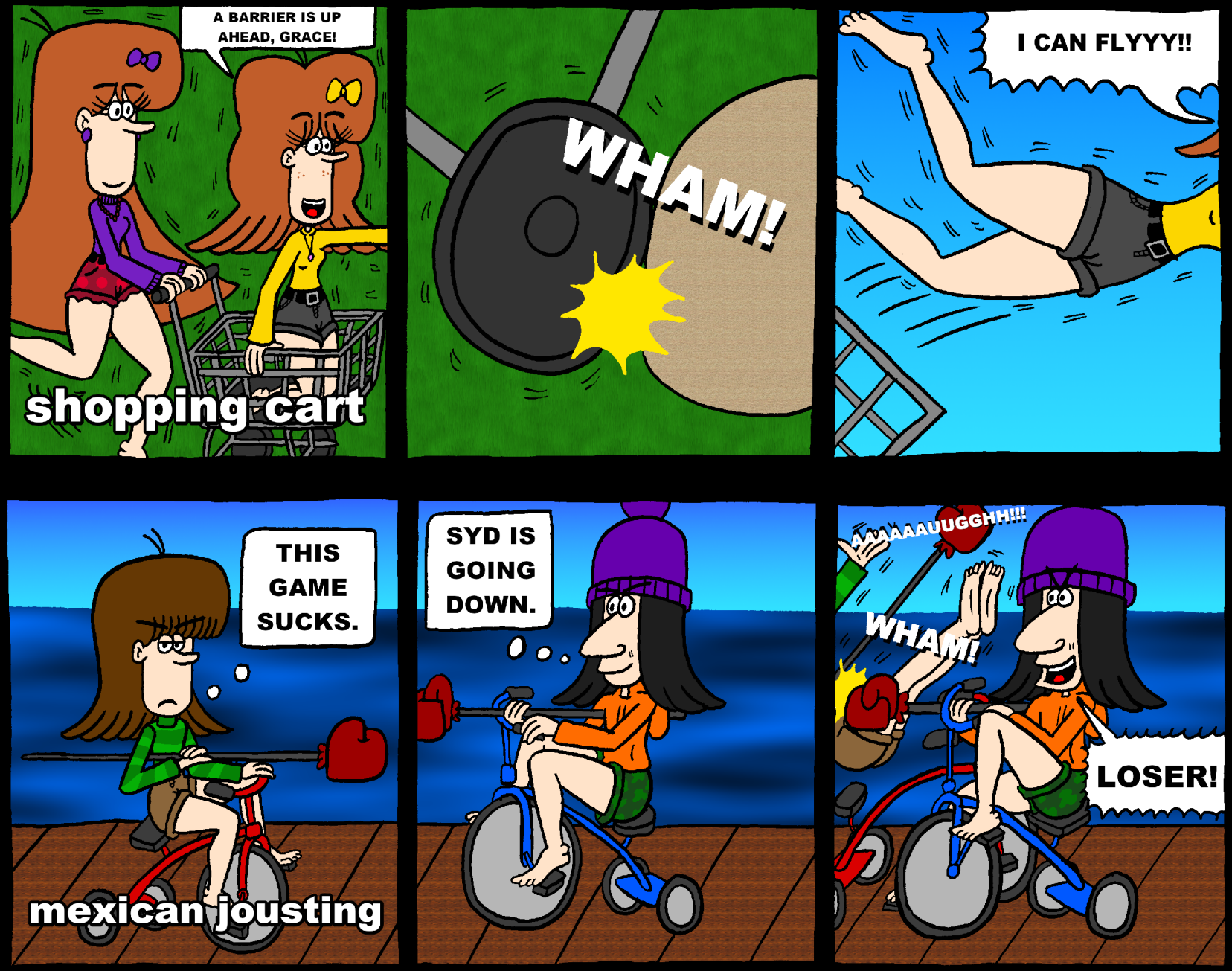
THIS WORLD HAS GONE BONKERS.
$5.00 GAS, INFLATION, AND WAR. SO MUCH HELL IN JUST A FEW MONTHS.
CHILDHOOD IS LESS STRESSFUL.
WAIT TILL WE ENTER OUR TWENTIES.
ARE YOU CALLING ARVIN, GRACE?
YES, I AM, MARK.
I HEARD INFLATION COMES UNDER CONTROL IN 2023, BUT THE DEFICIT WILL HIT $2.3 TRILLION IN 2029.
THAT CAUSES ECONOMIC GROWTH TO FALL FROM 3.1% TO 1.5% BY 2024.
THE DEBT WILL TRIPLE TO $1.2 TRILLION BY 2032.


BE THANKFUL THE "BUILD BACK BETTER ACT" DIED IN THE SENATE AND SAVED US $2.3 TRILLION.
UNDER OBAMA, TRUMP, AND NOW BIDEN, GOVERN-MENT SPENDING DOUBLED.
BIDEN DIDN'T CREATE JOBS; COVID-19 DROVE UNEMPLOYMENT UP TO 14.7%. BIDEN GAVE NONWORKERS EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND FAT STIMULUS; WE HAVE A LABOR SHORTAGE BECAUSE HALF OUR COUNTRY BECAME WELFARE BUMS. YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE ASHAMED FOR SUPPORTING SOCIALISM.
RIGHT NOW, INFLATION IS ON FIRE.
THE FLOWER POWER KIDS

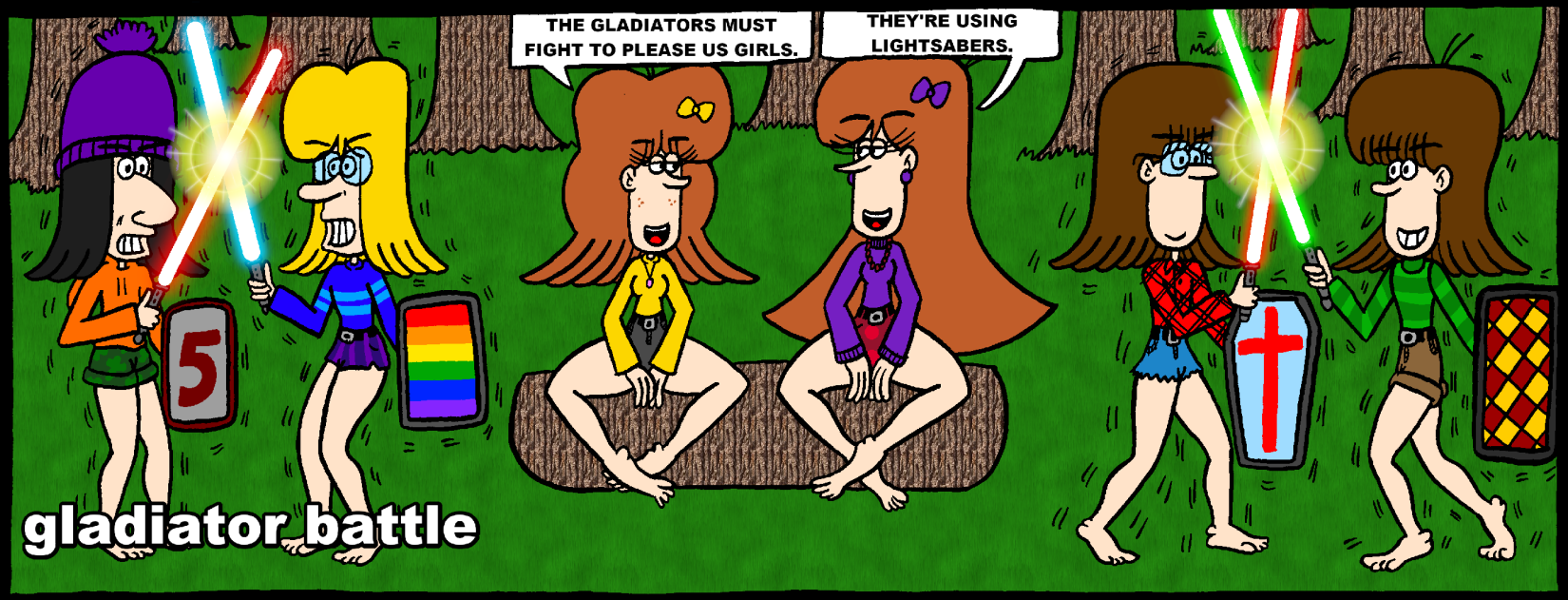

ARVIN! YOUR PHONE'S GOING OFF!
GRACE
ringing
HELLO, GRACE.
RUBY'S IN THE POOL RIGHT NOW...
SO RUBY WANTED TO BE HUMAN SPAGHETTI, EH?
YES, SHE DID.
LATER...
I MUST SEE THIS INSANITY FOR MYSELF...
WHAT ON EARTH?!!
HI, BIG SISTER!


WHICH STUNTS SHOULD WE DO?
STILT TRICK.
SACK RACE.
SHOPPING CARTS.
SELF-DEFENSE.
MEXICAN JOUSTING.
I HAVE NOT BEEN ON STILTS IN TEN YEARS.
stilt trick
AUGH!!
BAM!
BAM!
WE GOT HIM GOOD, GRACE.
NO KIDDING, HOLLY.


AAAAAAAAGGHH!!!
self-defense
AAAAAAAAGGHH!!!
BONK!
BONK!
QUIT IT.
YOU WILL BE FINE, MARK.
I DON'T THINK SO, ALEX. THIS IS NOT A GOOD...
wagon ride
...IDEAAAAA!!!
AAAAAAAAAA!!!!
BAM!


A BARRIER IS UP AHEAD, GRACE!
shopping cart
WHAM!
I CAN FLYYY!!
THIS GAME SUCKS.
mexican jousting
SYD IS GOING DOWN.
AAAAAAUUGGHH!!!
WHAM!
LOSER!

COME ON, ROBERT!
ARE YOU GOING TO THROW IT?
THOSE BALLS ARE ON FIRE.
WE ARE LOOKING AT FIRE BASEBALL, ALEX.
WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING THESE ON FIRE?!!
I SET THEM ON FIRE.
fire baseball


THE GLADIATORS MUST FIGHT TO PLEASE US GIRLS.
THEY'RE USING LIGHTSABERS.
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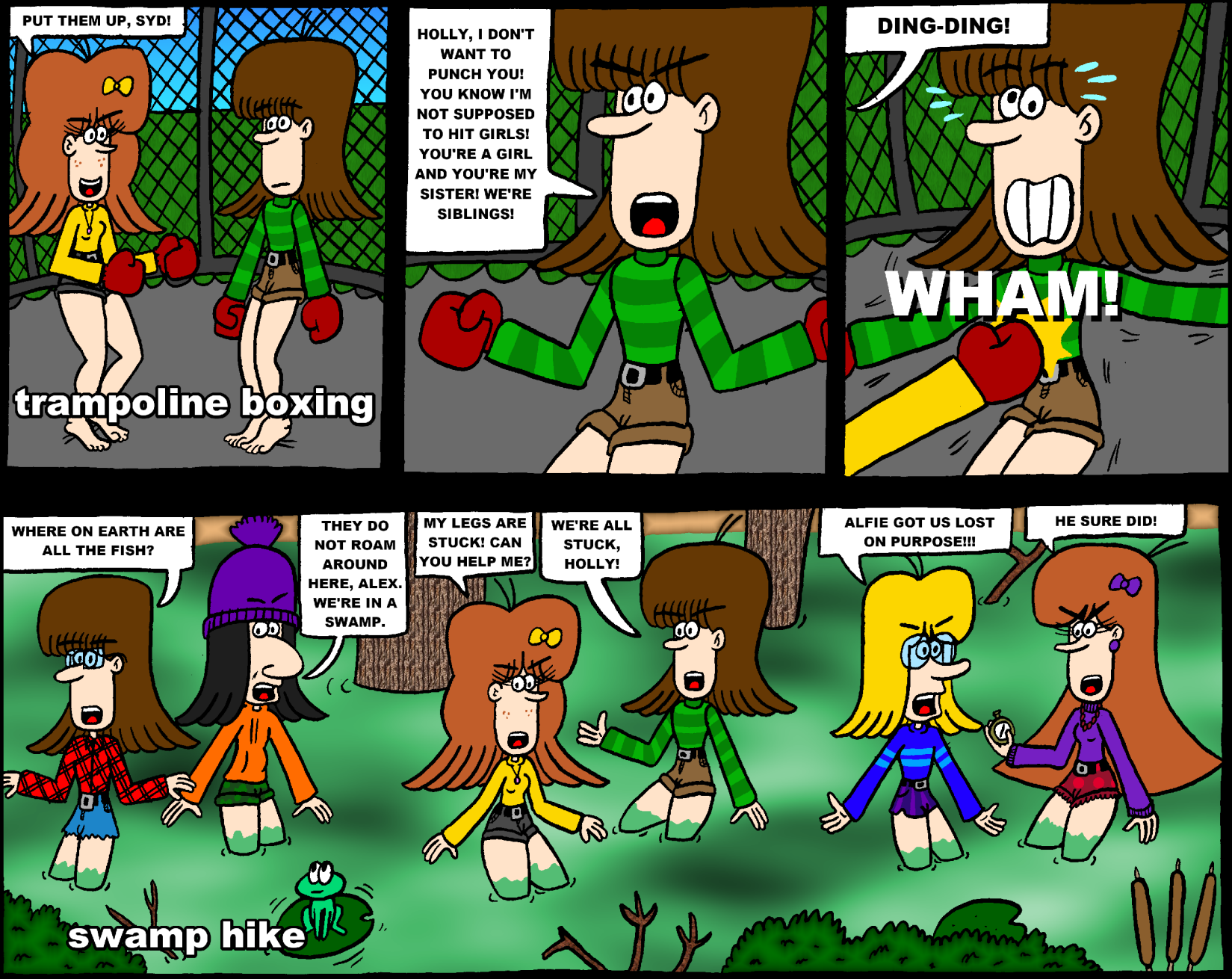
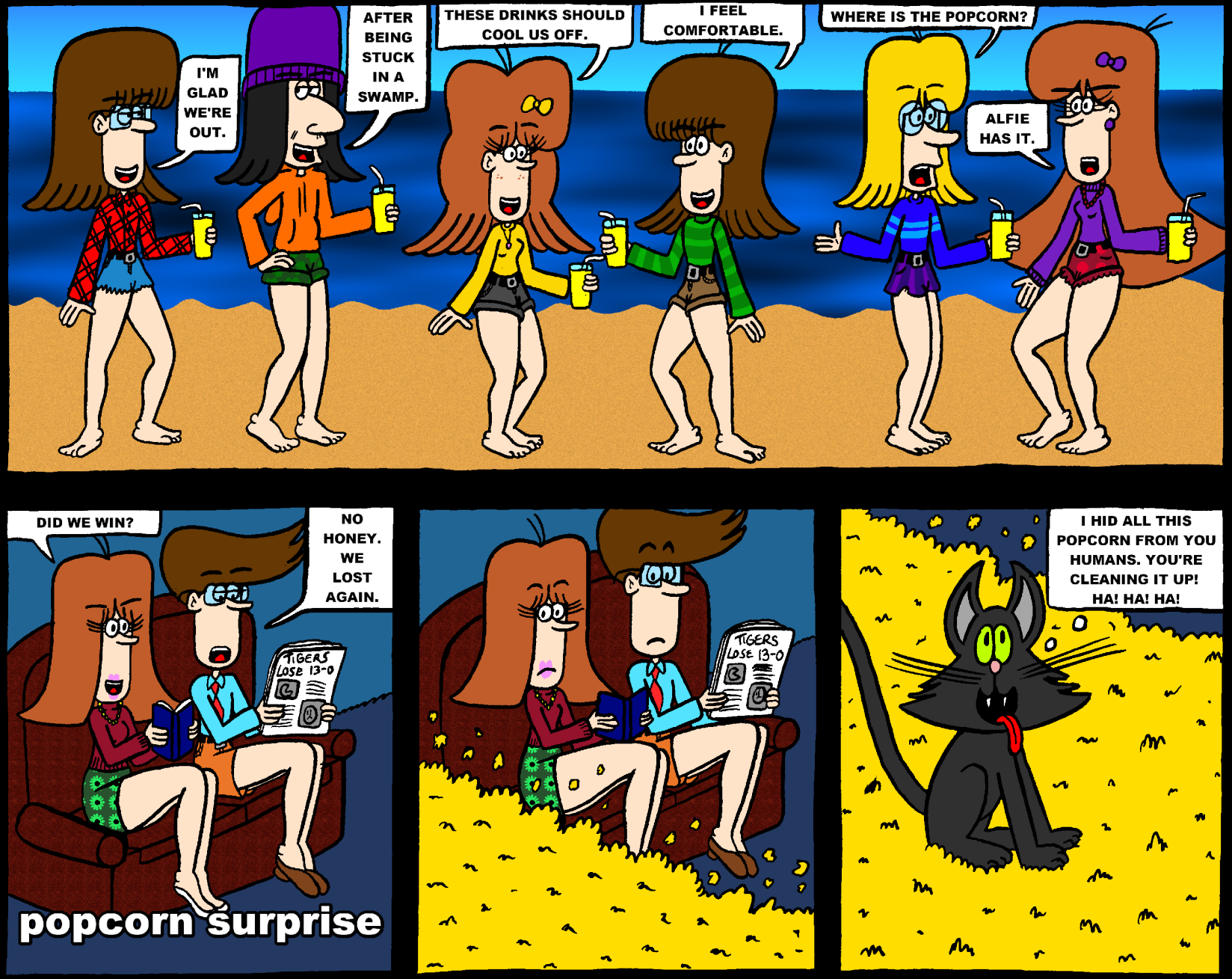
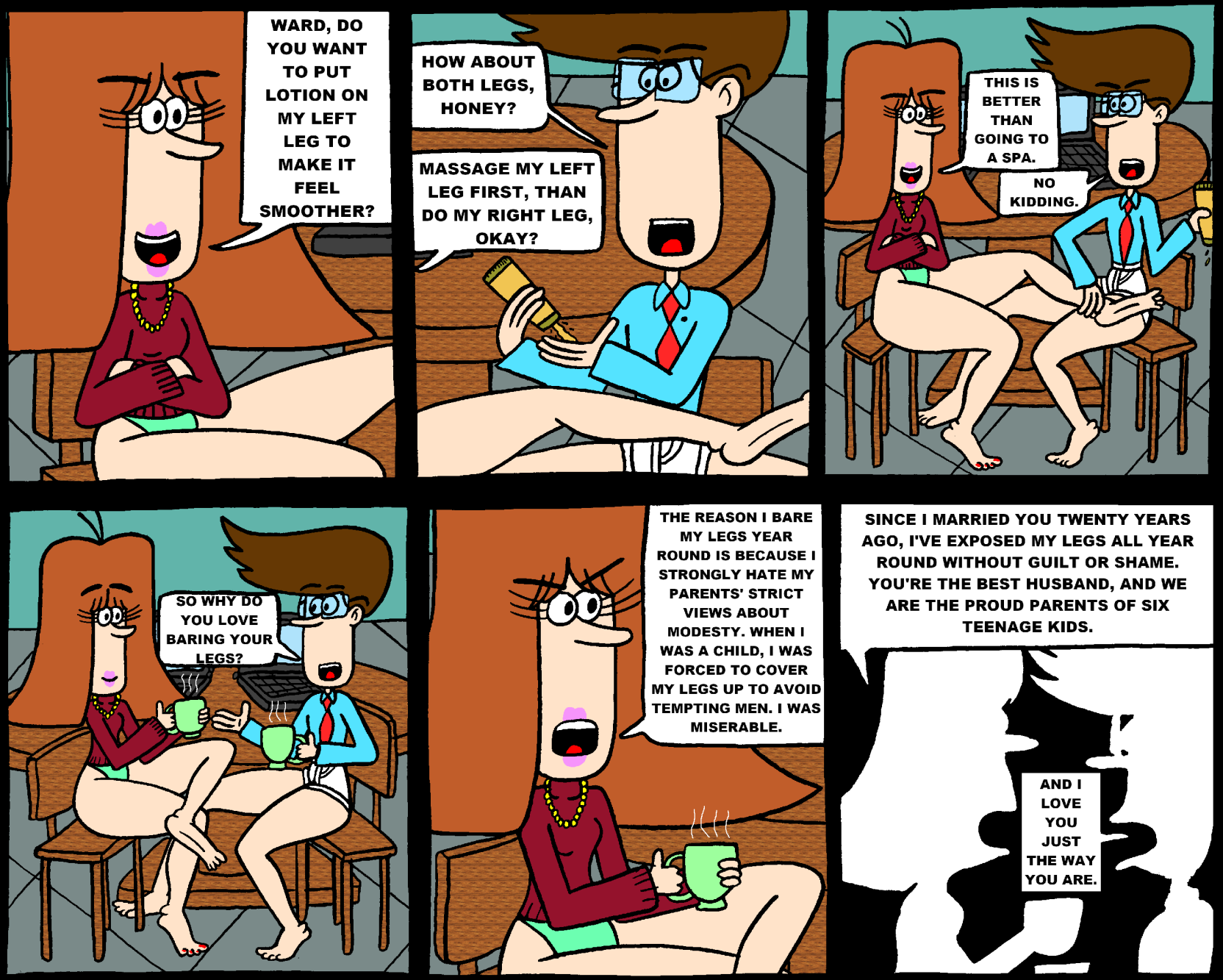
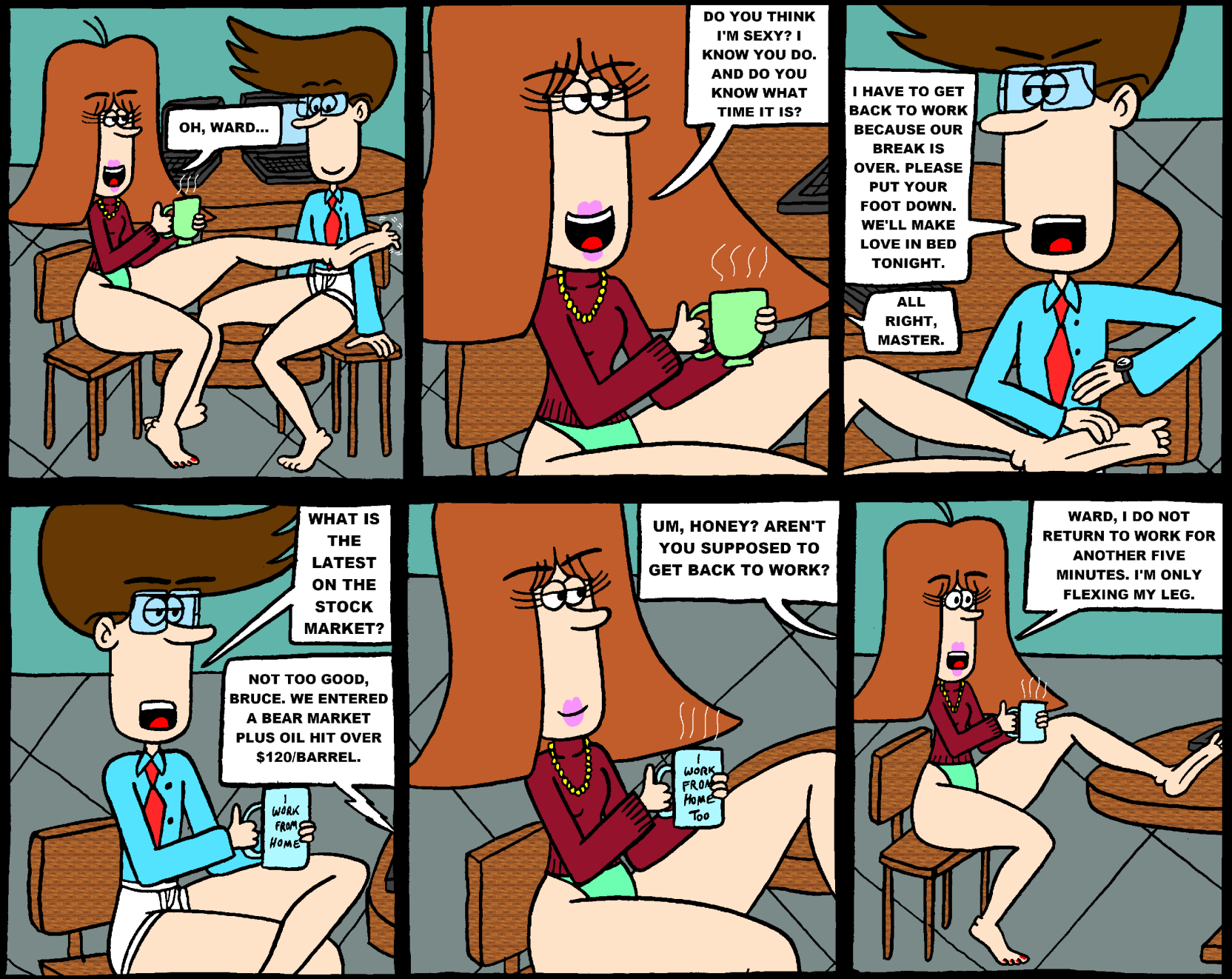
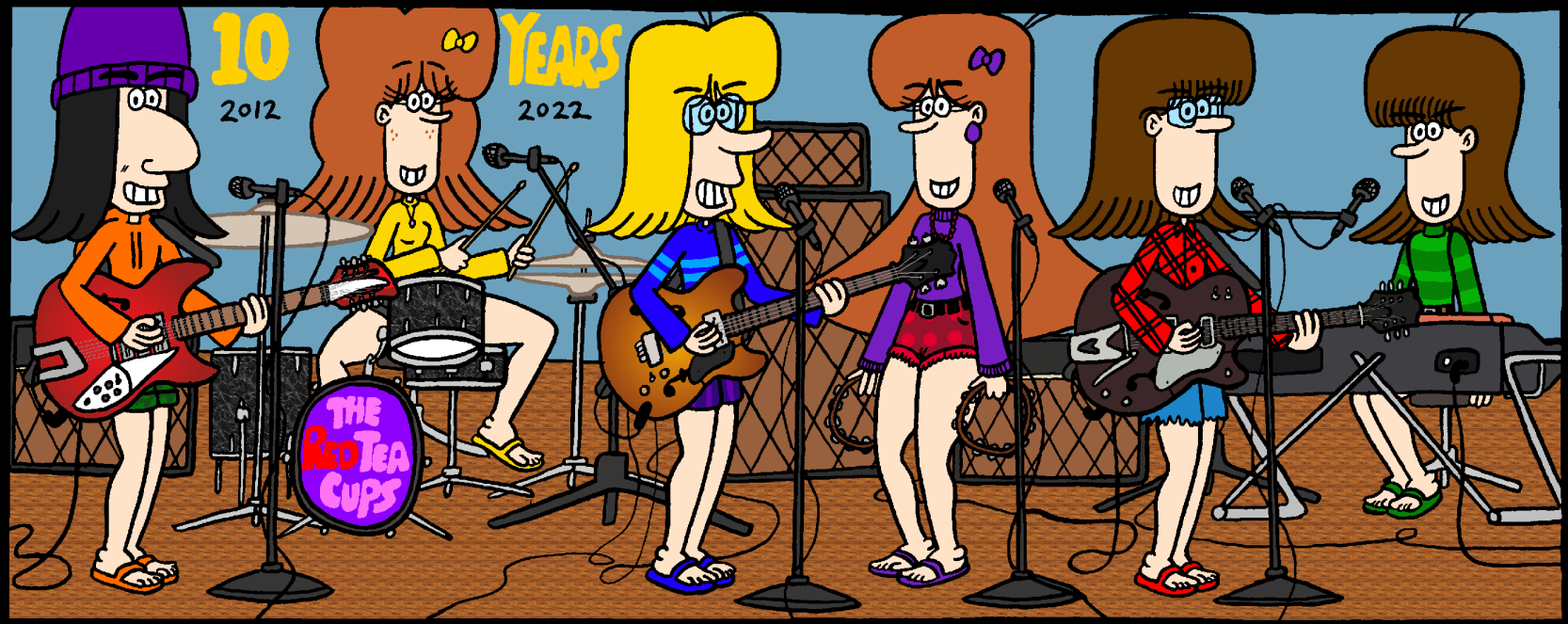
gladiator battle


PUT THEM UP, SYD!
trampoline boxing
HOLLY, I DON'T WANT TO PUNCH YOU! YOU KNOW I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO HIT GIRLS! YOU'RE A GIRL AND YOU'RE MY SISTER! WE'RE SIBLINGS!
DING-DING!
WHAM!
WHERE ON EARTH ARE ALL THE FISH?
THEY DO NOT ROAM AROUND HERE, ALEX. WE'RE IN A SWAMP.
MY LEGS ARE STUCK! CAN YOU HELP ME?
WE'RE ALL STUCK, HOLLY!
ALFIE GOT US LOST ON PURPOSE!!!
HE SURE DID!
swamp hike


I'M GLAD WE'RE OUT.
AFTER BEING STUCK IN A SWAMP.
THESE DRINKS SHOULD COOL US OFF.
I FEEL COMFORTABLE.
WHERE IS THE POPCORN?
ALFIE HAS IT.
DID WE WIN?
NO HONEY. WE LOST AGAIN.
TIGERS LOSE 13-0
popcorn surprise
TIGERS LOSE 13-0
I HID ALL THIS POPCORN FROM YOU HUMANS. YOU'RE CLEANING IT UP! HA! HA! HA!


WARD, DO YOU WANT TO PUT LOTION ON MY LEFT LEG TO MAKE IT FEEL SMOOTHER?
HOW ABOUT BOTH LEGS, HONEY?
MASSAGE MY LEFT LEG FIRST, THAN DO MY RIGHT LEG, OKAY?
THIS IS BETTER THAN GOING TO A SPA.
NO KIDDING.
SO WHY DO YOU LOVE BARING YOUR LEGS?
THE REASON I BARE MY LEGS YEAR ROUND IS BECAUSE I STRONGLY HATE MY PARENTS' STRICT VIEWS ABOUT MODESTY. WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I WAS FORCED TO COVER MY LEGS UP TO AVOID TEMPTING MEN. I WAS MISERABLE.
SINCE I MARRIED YOU TWENTY YEARS AGO, I'VE EXPOSED MY LEGS ALL YEAR ROUND WITHOUT GUILT OR SHAME. YOU'RE THE BEST HUSBAND, AND WE ARE THE PROUD PARENTS OF SIX TEENAGE KIDS.
AND I LOVE YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.


OH, WARD...
DO YOU THINK I'M SEXY? I KNOW YOU DO. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?
I HAVE TO GET BACK TO WORK BECAUSE OUR BREAK IS OVER. PLEASE PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN. WE'LL MAKE LOVE IN BED TONIGHT.
ALL RIGHT, MASTER.
WHAT IS THE LATEST ON THE STOCK MARKET?
NOT TOO GOOD, BRUCE. WE ENTERED A BEAR MARKET PLUS OIL HIT OVER $120/BARREL.
I WORK FROM HOME
UM, HONEY? AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO GET BACK TO WORK?
I WORK FROM HOME TOO
WARD, I DO NOT RETURN TO WORK FOR ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES. I'M ONLY FLEXING MY LEG.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2012
YEARS
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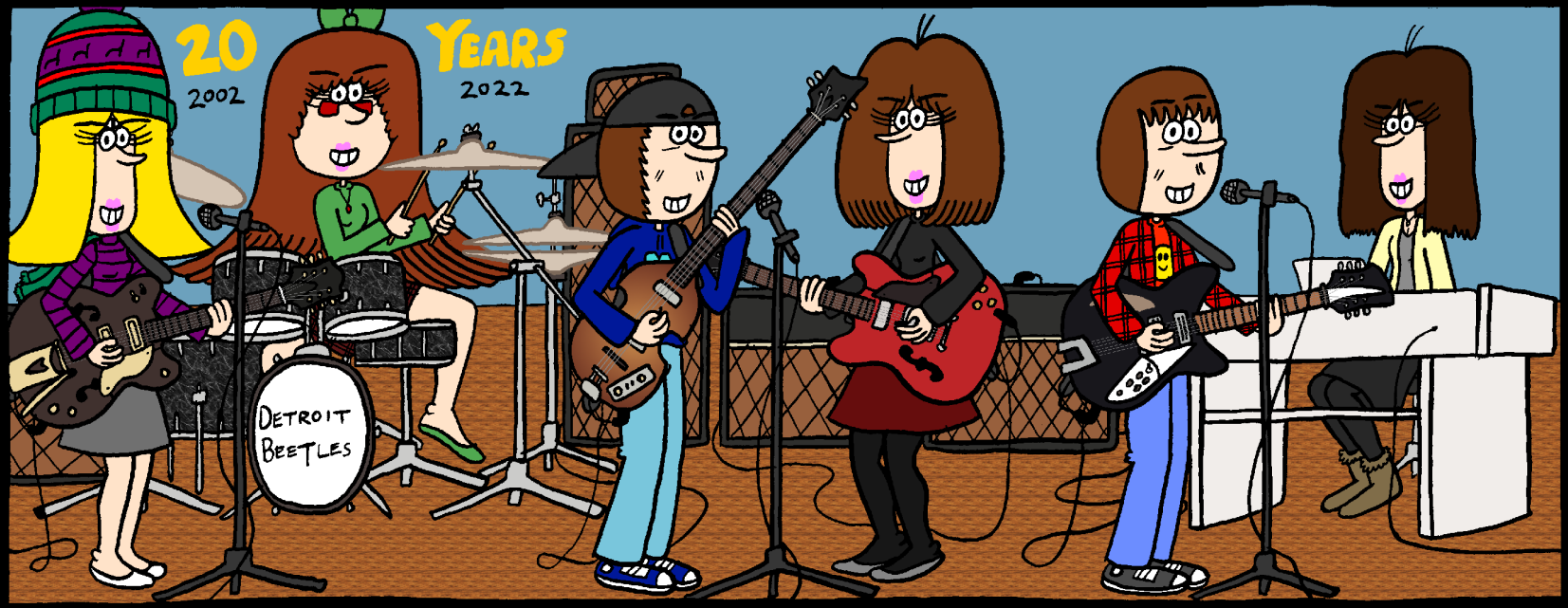
THE RED TEA CUPS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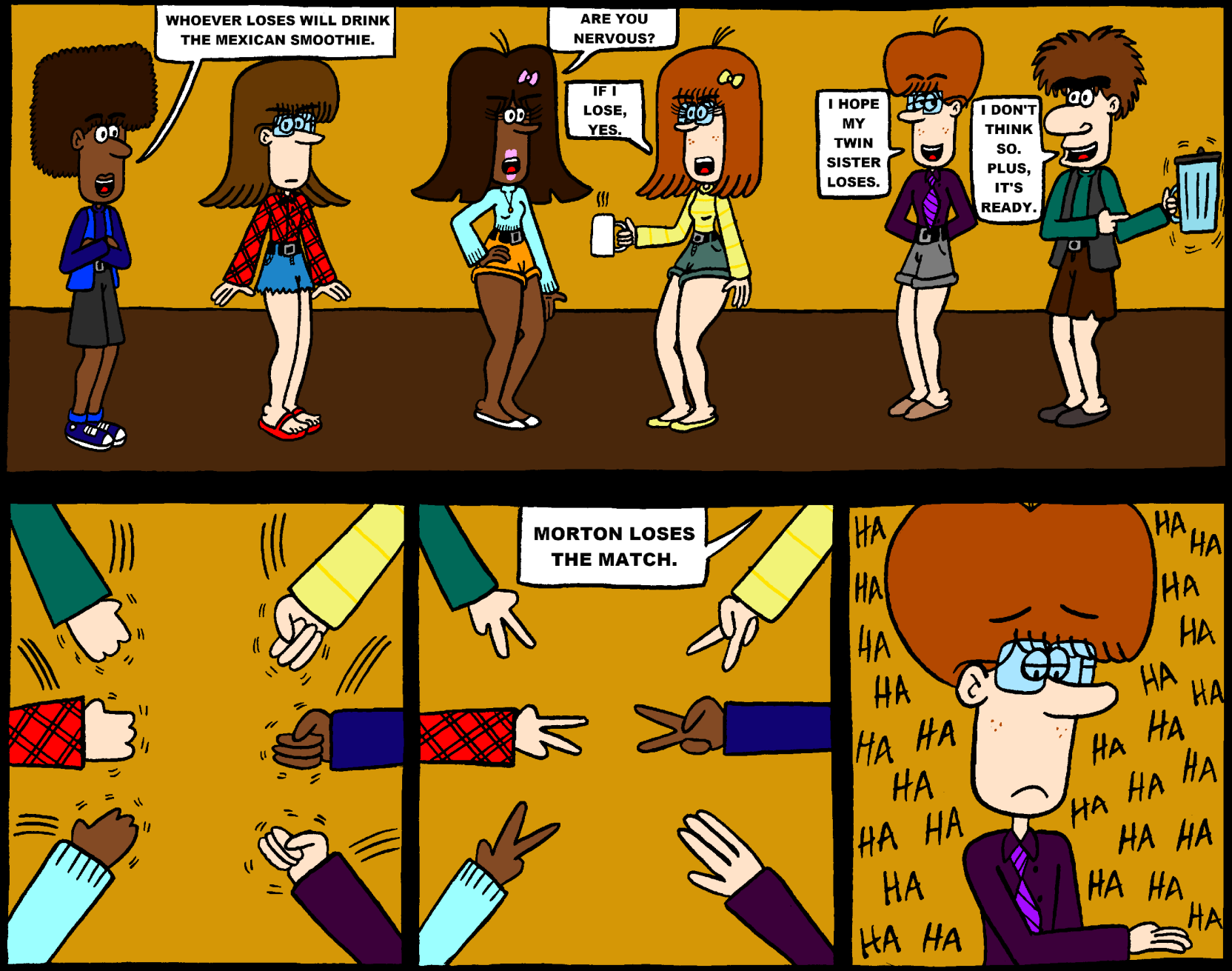
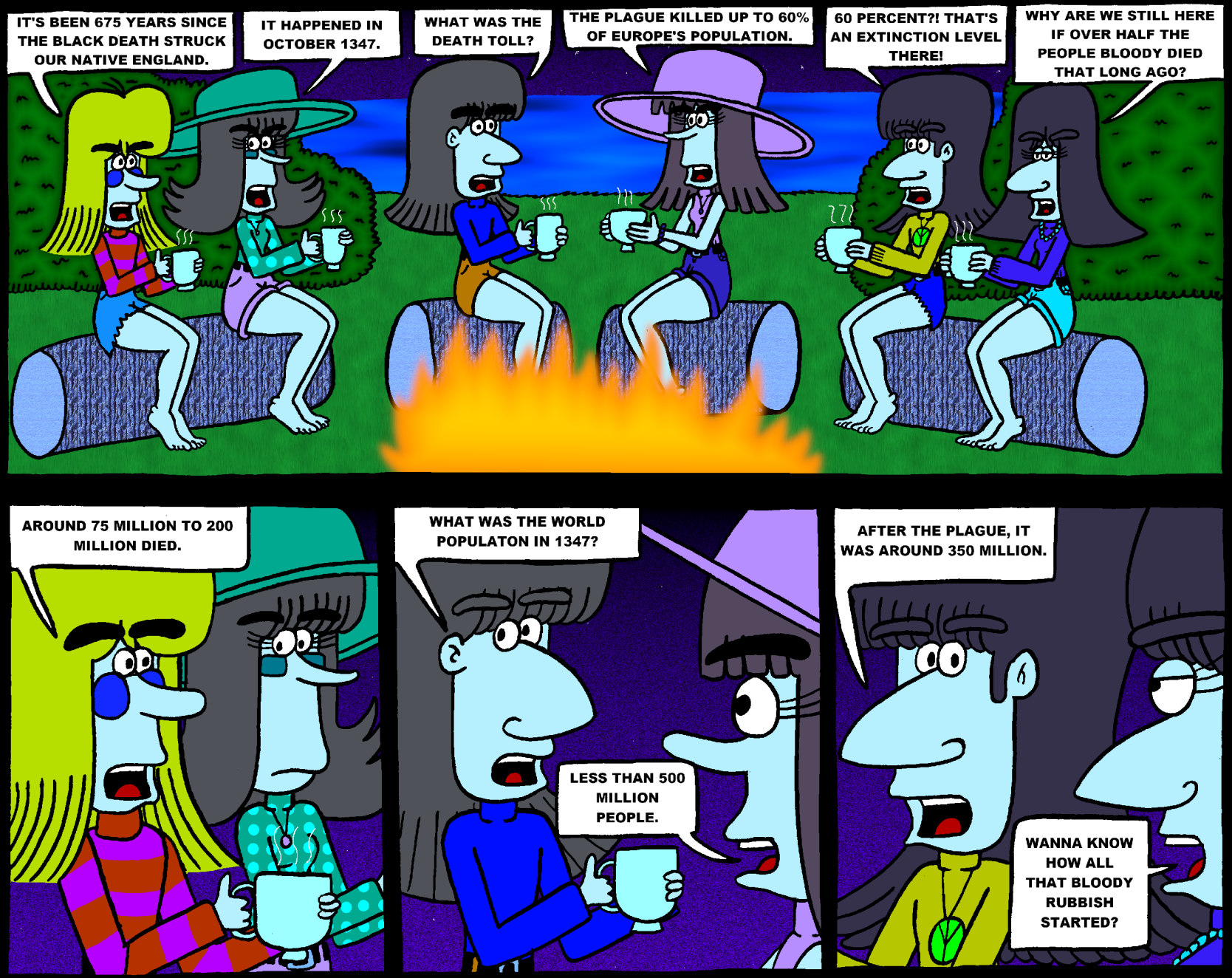
DETROIT BEETLES

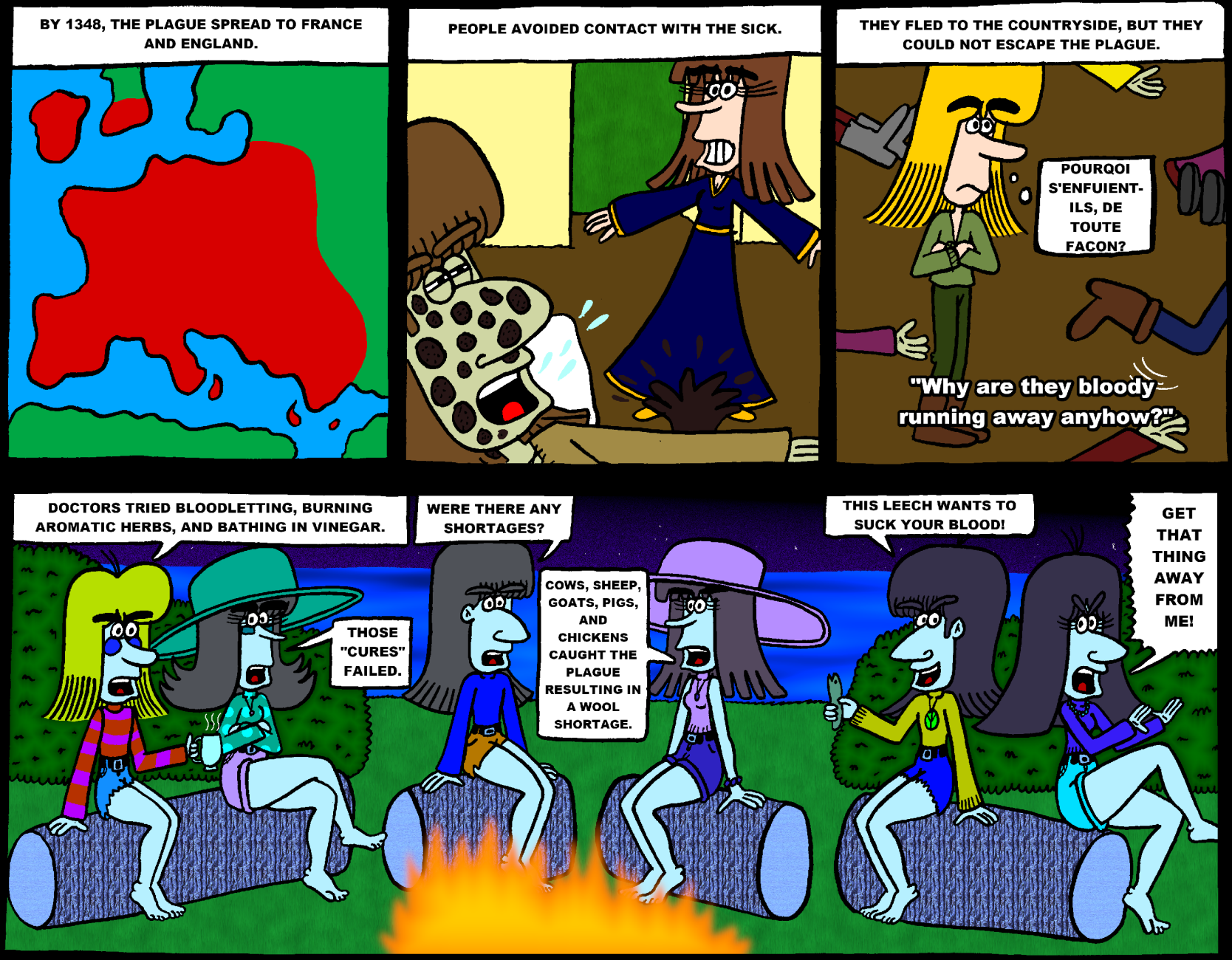
FIRST WE NEED TO ADD TACOS.
THEN WE PUT IN THE BURRITOS.
FOLLOWED BY NACHOS AND CHEESE.
DON'T FORGET THE QUESA-DILLA.
FINALLY, THE MEXICAN RICE.
NOW, WE TURN ON THE BLENDER.


WHOEVER LOSES WILL DRINK THE MEXICAN SMOOTHIE.
ARE YOU NERVOUS?
IF I LOSE, YES.
I HOPE MY TWIN SISTER LOSES.
I DON'T THINK SO. PLUS, IT'S READY.
MORTON LOSES THE MATCH.
HA HA HA

START DRINKING IT COWARD.
DO IT NOW YOU CLOWN!
YOU MUST DRINK IT ALL THE WAY!
SHARLENE, MORTON'S ON THE BRINK OF VOMITING ON THE FLOOR.
IT WAS DISGUSTING!
QUIT YOUR WHINING.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ALFIE?
WHO STOLE MY TACOS, BURRITOS, QUESADILLA, AND MY NACHOS AND CHEESE?!! THAT WAS MY DINNER FOR TOMORROW!!!
MEOW! MEOW! MEOW!
CHRONIC TOWN


IT'S BEEN 675 YEARS SINCE THE BLACK DEATH STRUCK OUR NATIVE ENGLAND.
IT HAPPENED IN OCTOBER 1347.
WHAT WAS THE DEATH TOLL?
THE PLAGUE KILLED UP TO 60% OF EUROPE'S POPULATION.
60 PERCENT?! THAT'S AN EXTINCTION LEVEL THERE!
WHY ARE WE STILL HERE IF OVER HALF THE PEOPLE BLOODY DIED THAT LONG AGO?
AROUND 75 MILLION TO 200 MILLION DIED.
WHAT WAS THE WORLD POPULATON IN 1347?
LESS THAN 500 MILLION PEOPLE.
AFTER THE PLAGUE, IT WAS AROUND 350 MILLION.
WANNA KNOW HOW ALL THAT BLOODY RUBBISH STARTED?

IT ALL STARTED IN OCTOBER 1347 WHEN TWELVE SHIPS FROM KAFFA DOCKED IN SICILY.
MOST SAILORS WERE DEAD; THE FEW STILL ALIVE WERE COVERED IN BUBOES THAT OOZE BLOOD AND PUS.
SICILY'S GOVERNMENT BANISHED THEM, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE. THE PLAGUE BEGAN TO DESTROY MEDIEVAL CIVILIZATION.
TIRATE FUORI I VOSTRI MORTI!
"Bring out your dead!"
INFECTED RATS AND FLEAS CARRIED IT, ALTHOUGH THE PEASANTS DIDN'T KNOW.
IF THE VICTIM HAD THE PLAGUE, THAT PERSON IS DOOMED.
DID PEOPLE KILL CATS BACK THEN?
YES, SINCE THE BELIEVED THEY WERE EVIL AND BROUGHT BAD LUCK TO THE VILLAGE.
BOY DID THAT HELP.
NO BLOODY KIDDING!


BY 1348, THE PLAGUE SPREAD TO FRANCE AND ENGLAND.
PEOPLE AVOIDED CONTACT WITH THE SICK.
THEY FLED TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, BUT THEY COULD NOT ESCAPE THE PLAGUE.
POURQOI S'ENFUIENT-ILS, DE TOUTE FACON?
"Why are they bloody running away anyhow?"
DOCTORS TRIED BLOODLETTING, BURNING AROMATIC HERBS, AND BATHING IN VINEGAR.
THOSE "CURES" FAILED.
WERE THERE ANY SHORTAGES?
COWS, SHEEP, GOATS, PIGS, AND CHICKENS CAUGHT THE PLAGUE RESULTING IN A WOOL SHORTAGE.
THIS LEECH WANTS TO SUCK YOUR BLOOD!
GET THAT THING AWAY FROM ME!

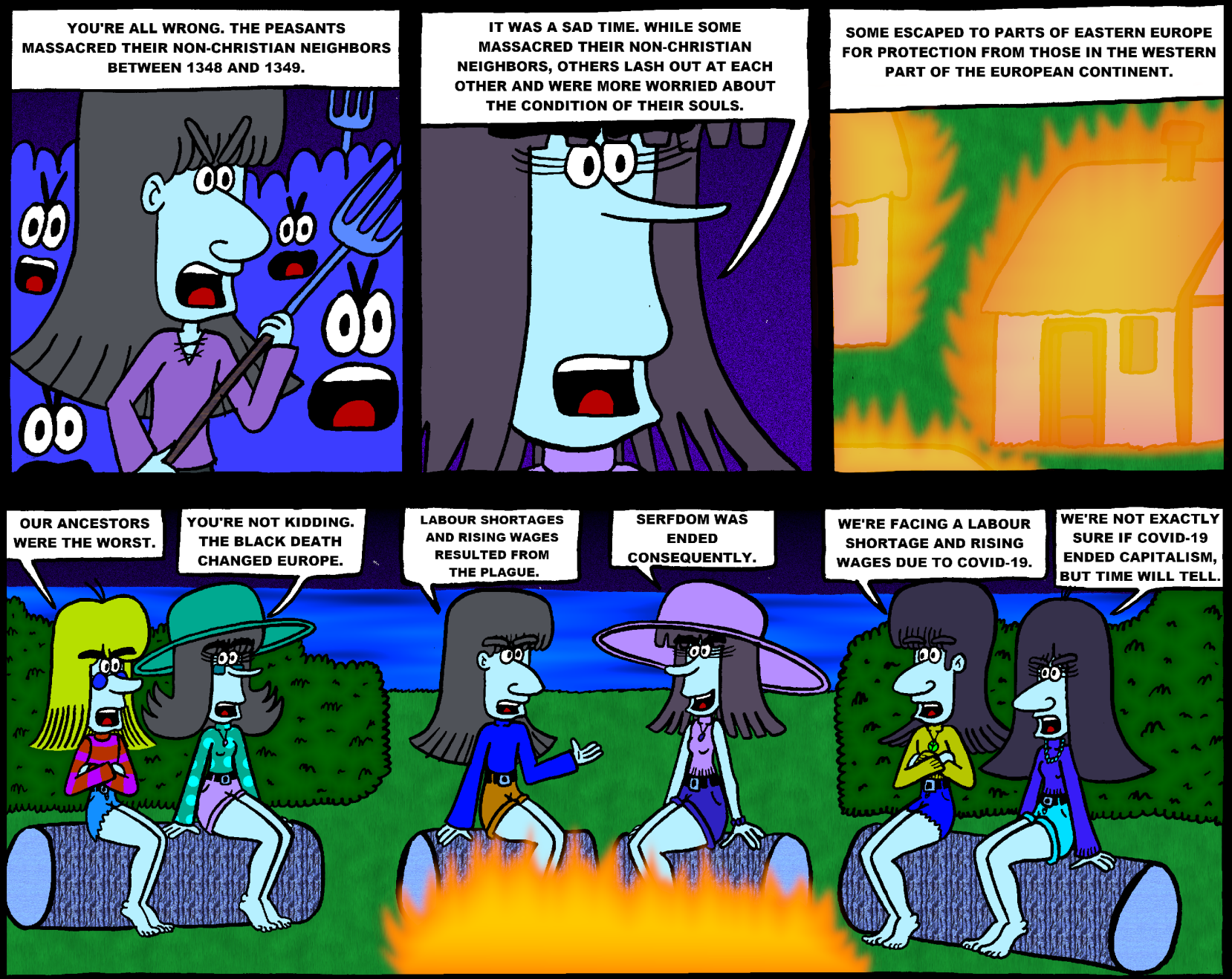
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE STILL HERE AFTER 675 YEARS.
AND WE'RE STILL HERE DESPITE COVID-19 BEING HERE SINCE 2020.
DID SOCIETY COLLAPSE?
YES, IT DID FOR A WHILE.
OURS IS ON THE BRINK OF A COLLAPSE.
WE'RE HEADING FOR THAT IN 2023.

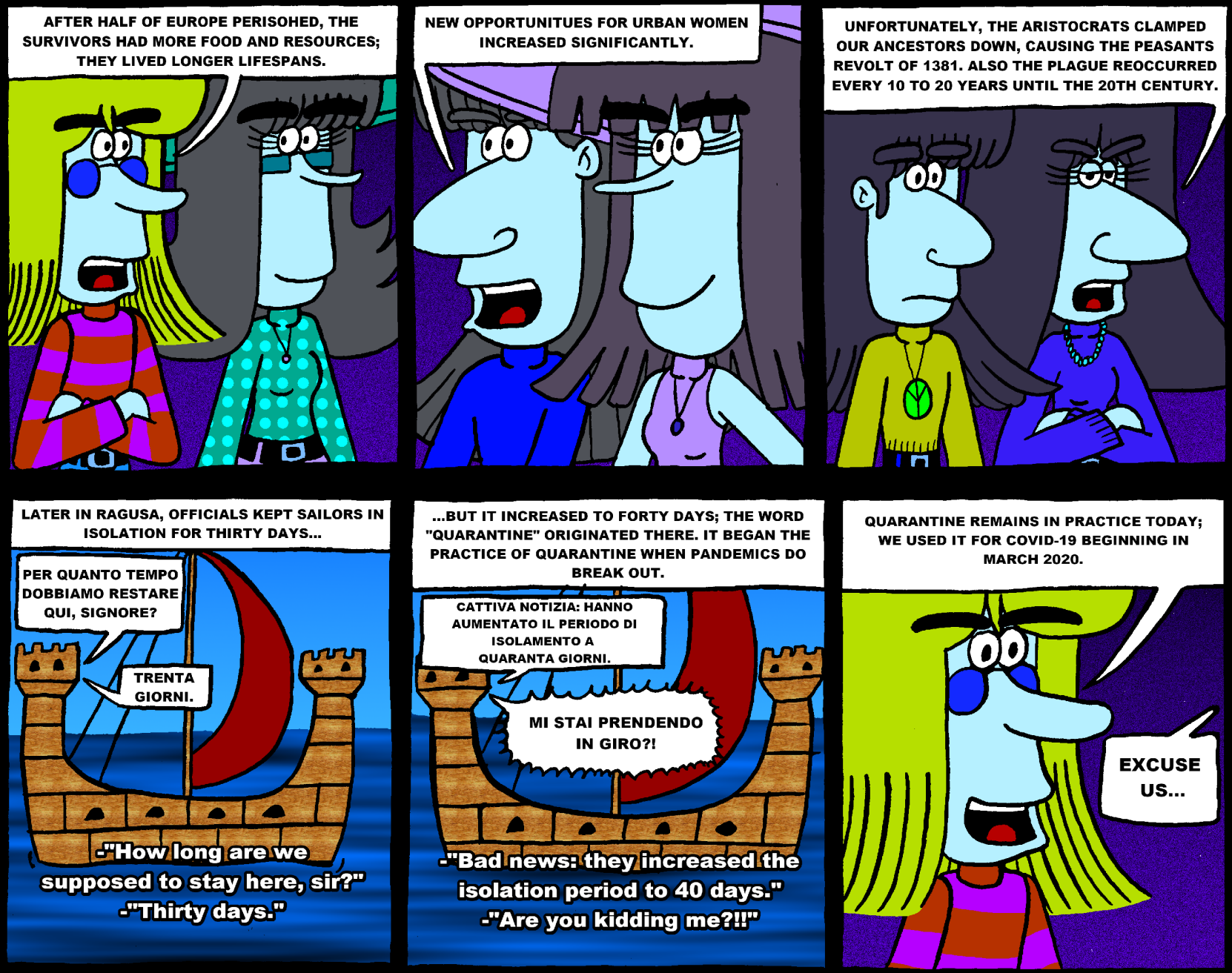
DOCTORS REFUSED TO SEE THEIR PATIENTS.

PRIESTS REFUSED TO ADMINISTER THE LAST RITES.

SHOPKEEPERS CLOSED THEIR STORES.
CLOSED

THE VILLAGERS BELIEVED THAT GOD SENT THE PLAGUE TO PUNISH THEM FOR THEIR WICKEDNESS, GREED, BLASPHEMY, HERESY, FORNICATION, AND WORLDLINESS.
HABT ERBAR-MEN!
"Have mercy!"
FLAGELLANTS BECAME POPULAR AND THEY WHIPPED EACH OTHER WITH WHIPS WITH SHARP METAL THREE TIMES FOR 33 DAYS.
THE POPE DISAPPROVED OF THEM, BUT THE FLAGELLANTS WON THE CROWD AND THEY AROUSED MANY FEMALE PEASANTS CAUSING THEM TO LUST AFTER THEM.
XXX
ICH MUSS SEX MIT EINMEN DER FLAGELLANTEN HABEN!
"I must have sex with one of the Flagellants!"
WHAT DID THE PEASANTS DO TO WIN GOD'S FORGIVENESS?
KILL EACH OTHER.
DID THEY HAVE SEX WITH EACH OTHER?
WOW! THEY DID NOT DO THAT, HAMISH!
LET'S GO WHIP EACH OTHER.
NO, WE ARE NOT!


YOU'RE ALL WRONG. THE PEASANTS MASSACRED THEIR NON-CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS BETWEEN 1348 AND 1349.
IT WAS A SAD TIME. WHILE SOME MASSACRED THEIR NON-CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS, OTHERS LASH OUT AT EACH OTHER AND WERE MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THEIR SOULS.
SOME ESCAPED TO PARTS OF EASTERN EUROPE FOR PROTECTION FROM THOSE IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT.
OUR ANCESTORS WERE THE WORST.
YOU'RE NOT KIDDING. THE BLACK DEATH CHANGED EUROPE.
LABOUR SHORTAGES AND RISING WAGES RESULTED FROM THE PLAGUE.
SERFDOM WAS ENDED CONSEQUENTLY.
WE'RE FACING A LABOUR SHORTAGE AND RISING WAGES DUE TO COVID-19.
WE'RE NOT EXACTLY SURE IF COVID-19 ENDED CAPITALISM, BUT TIME WILL TELL.


AFTER HALF OF EUROPE PERISOHED, THE SURVIVORS HAD MORE FOOD AND RESOURCES; THEY LIVED LONGER LIFESPANS.
NEW OPPORTUNITUES FOR URBAN WOMEN INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.
UNFORTUNATELY, THE ARISTOCRATS CLAMPED OUR ANCESTORS DOWN, CAUSING THE PEASANTS REVOLT OF 1381. ALSO THE PLAGUE REOCCURRED EVERY 10 TO 20 YEARS UNTIL THE 20TH CENTURY.
LATER IN RAGUSA, OFFICIALS KEPT SAILORS IN ISOLATION FOR THIRTY DAYS...
PER QUANTO TEMPO DOBBIAMO RESTARE QUI, SIGNORE?
TRENTA GIORNI.
-"How long are we supposed to stay here, sir?"
-"Thirty days."
...BUT IT INCREASED TO FORTY DAYS; THE WORD "QUARANTINE" ORIGINATED THERE. IT BEGAN THE PRACTICE OF QUARANTINE WHEN PANDEMICS DO BREAK OUT.
CATTIVA NOTIZIA: HANNO AUMENTATO IL PERIODO DI ISOLAMENTO A QUARANTA GIORNI.
MI STAI PRENDENDO IN GIRO?!
-"Bad news: they increased the isolation period to 40 days."
-"Are you kidding me?!!"
QUARANTINE REMAINS IN PRACTICE TODAY; WE USED IT FOR COVID-19 BEGINNING IN MARCH 2020.
EXCUSE US...

HELLO SYD!
HI, SYD! IS THAT YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
SHE WAS UNTIL MY UNCLE MARRIED HER MOM LAST CHRISTMAS.
SYD, THIS IS OUR FRIEND CLARA.
HI, SYD! MY NAME IS CLARA.
WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE BLACK DEATH EARLIER.
HELLO THERE, CLARA!
HOW WAS THE FIRE?
ANY SCARY STORIES?
DID YOU GUYS MAKE ANY S'MORES?
WHAT WERE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
THE BLACK DEATH; IT WAS 675 YEARS AGO TODAY.
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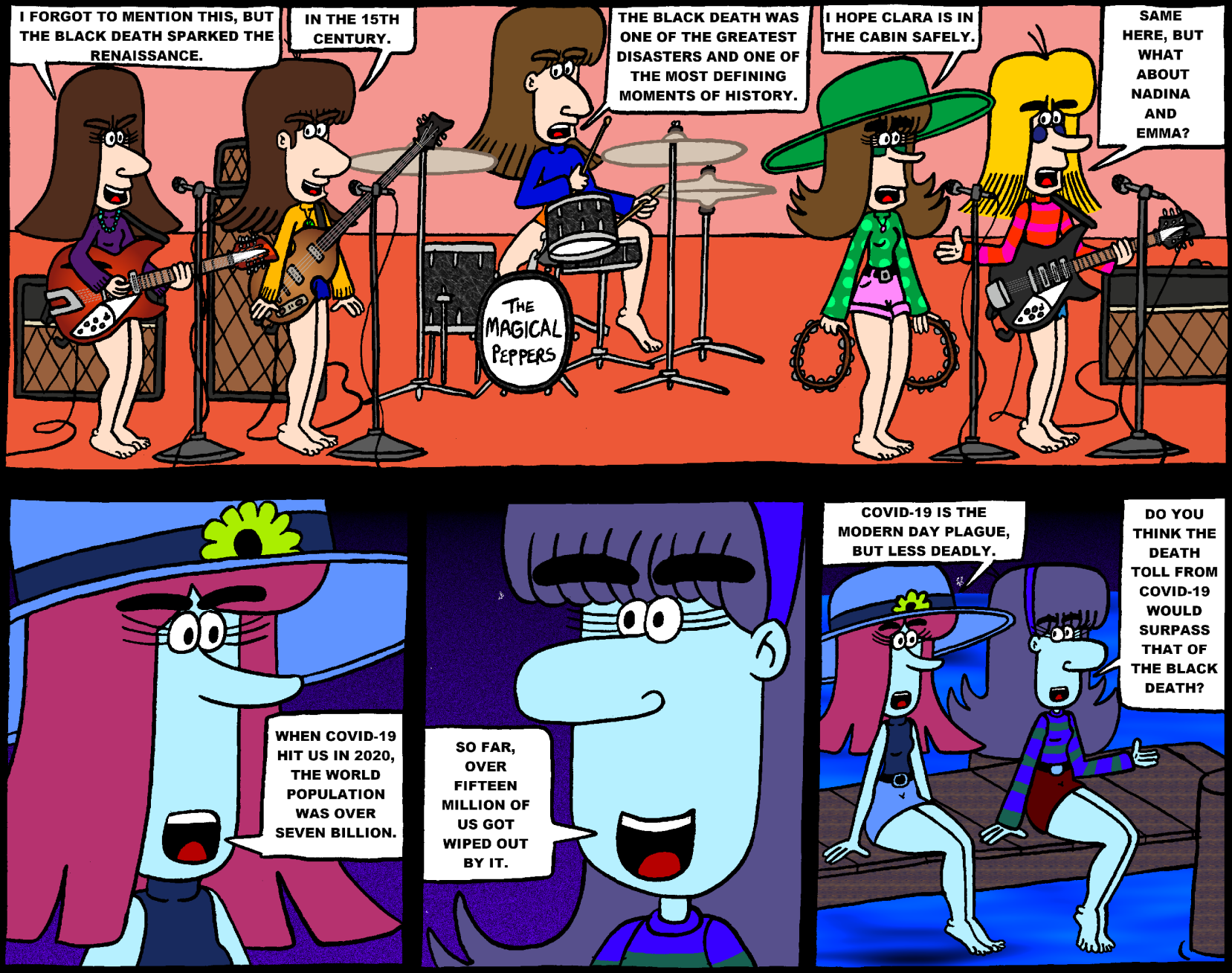
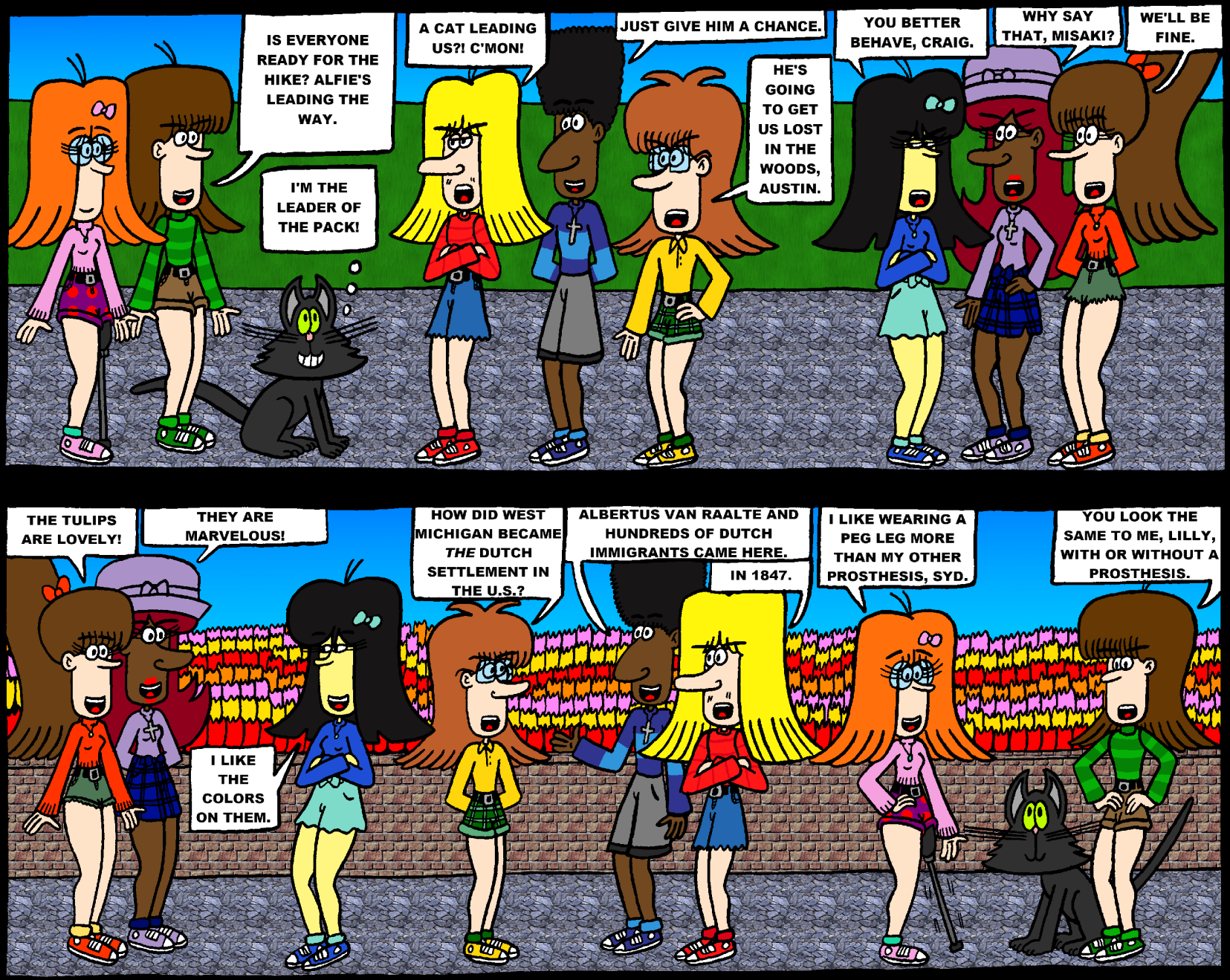
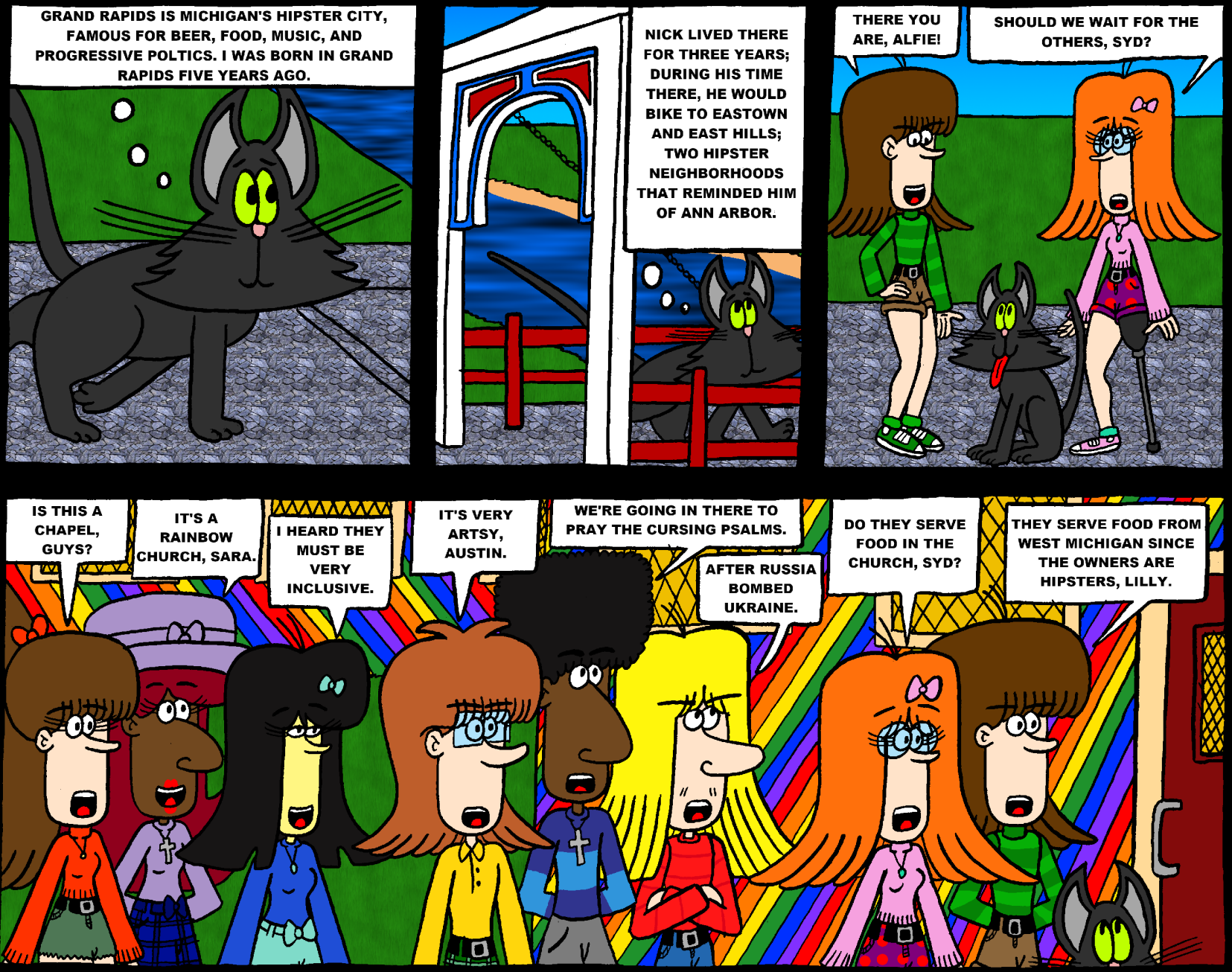
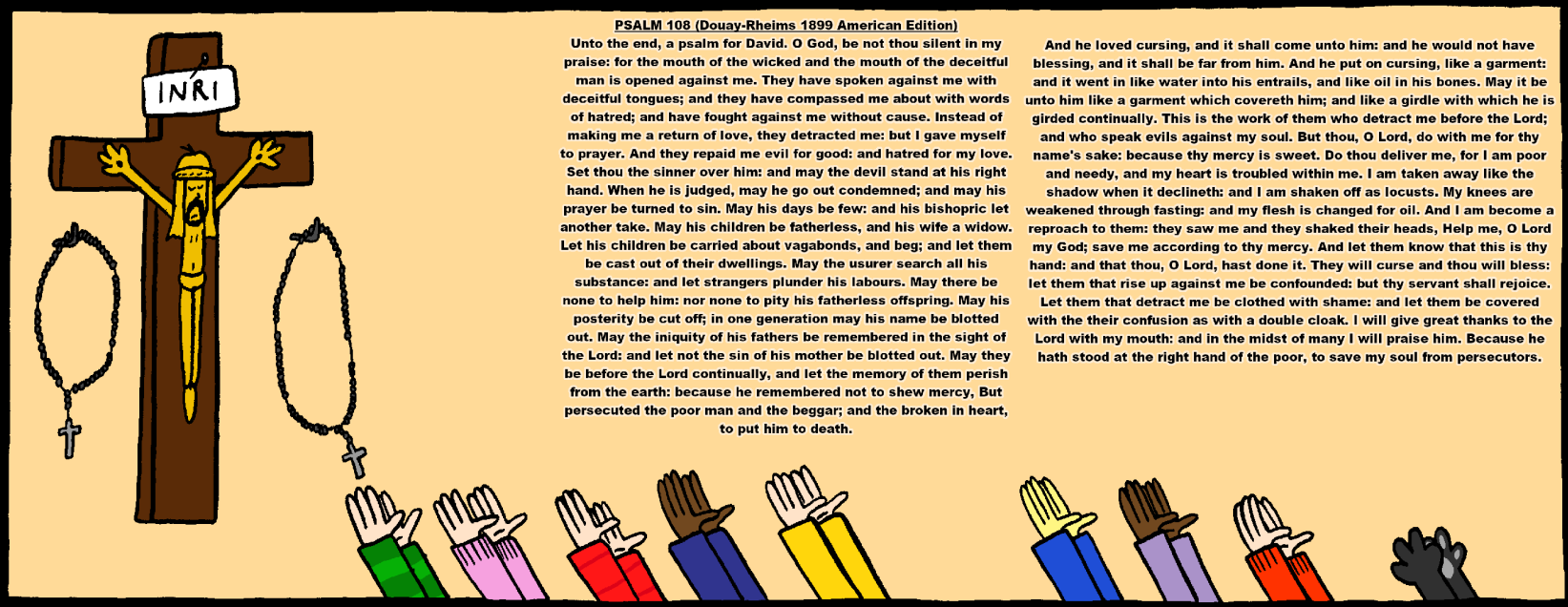

I FORGOT TO MENTION THIS, BUT THE BLACK DEATH SPARKED THE RENAISSANCE.
IN THE 15TH CENTURY.
THE BLACK DEATH WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST DISASTERS AND ONE OF THE MOST DEFINING MOMENTS OF HISTORY.
THE MAGICAL PEPPERS
I HOPE CLARA IS IN THE CABIN SAFELY.
SAME HERE, BUT WHAT ABOUT NADINA AND EMMA?
WHEN COVID-19 HIT US IN 2020, THE WORLD POPULATION WAS OVER SEVEN BILLION.
SO FAR, OVER FIFTEEN MILLION OF US GOT WIPED OUT BY IT.
COVID-19 IS THE MODERN DAY PLAGUE, BUT LESS DEADLY.
DO YOU THINK THE DEATH TOLL FROM COVID-19 WOULD SURPASS THAT OF THE BLACK DEATH?


IS EVERYONE READY FOR THE HIKE? ALFIE'S LEADING THE WAY.
I'M THE LEADER OF THE PACK!
A CAT LEADING US?! C'MON!
JUST GIVE HIM A CHANCE.
HE'S GOING TO GET US LOST IN THE WOODS, AUSTIN.
YOU BETTER BEHAVE, CRAIG.
WHY SAY THAT, MISAKI?
WE'LL BE FINE.
THE TULIPS ARE LOVELY!
THEY ARE MARVELOUS!
I LIKE THE COLORS ON THEM.
HOW DID WEST MICHIGAN BECAME *THE* DUTCH SETTLEMENT IN THE U.S.?
ALBERTUS VAN RAALTE AND HUNDREDS OF DUTCH IMMIGRANTS CAME HERE.
IN 1847.
I LIKE WEARING A PEG LEG MORE THAN MY OTHER PROSTHESIS, SYD.
YOU LOOK THE SAME TO ME, LILLY, WITH OR WITHOUT A PROSTHESIS.


GRAND RAPIDS IS MICHIGAN'S HIPSTER CITY, FAMOUS FOR BEER, FOOD, MUSIC, AND PROGRESSIVE POLTICS. I WAS BORN IN GRAND RAPIDS FIVE YEARS AGO.
NICK LIVED THERE FOR THREE YEARS; DURING HIS TIME THERE, HE WOULD BIKE TO EASTOWN AND EAST HILLS; TWO HIPSTER NEIGHBORHOODS THAT REMINDED HIM OF ANN ARBOR.
THERE YOU ARE, ALFIE!
SHOULD WE WAIT FOR THE OTHERS, SYD?
IS THIS A CHAPEL, GUYS?
IT'S A RAINBOW CHURCH, SARA.
I HEARD THEY MUST BE VERY INCLUSIVE.
IT'S VERY ARTSY, AUSTIN.
WE'RE GOING IN THERE TO PRAY THE CURSING PSALMS.
AFTER RUSSIA BOMBED UKRAINE.
DO THEY SERVE FOOD IN THE CHURCH, SYD?
THEY SERVE FOOD FROM WEST MICHIGAN SINCE THE OWNERS ARE HIPSTERS, LILLY.

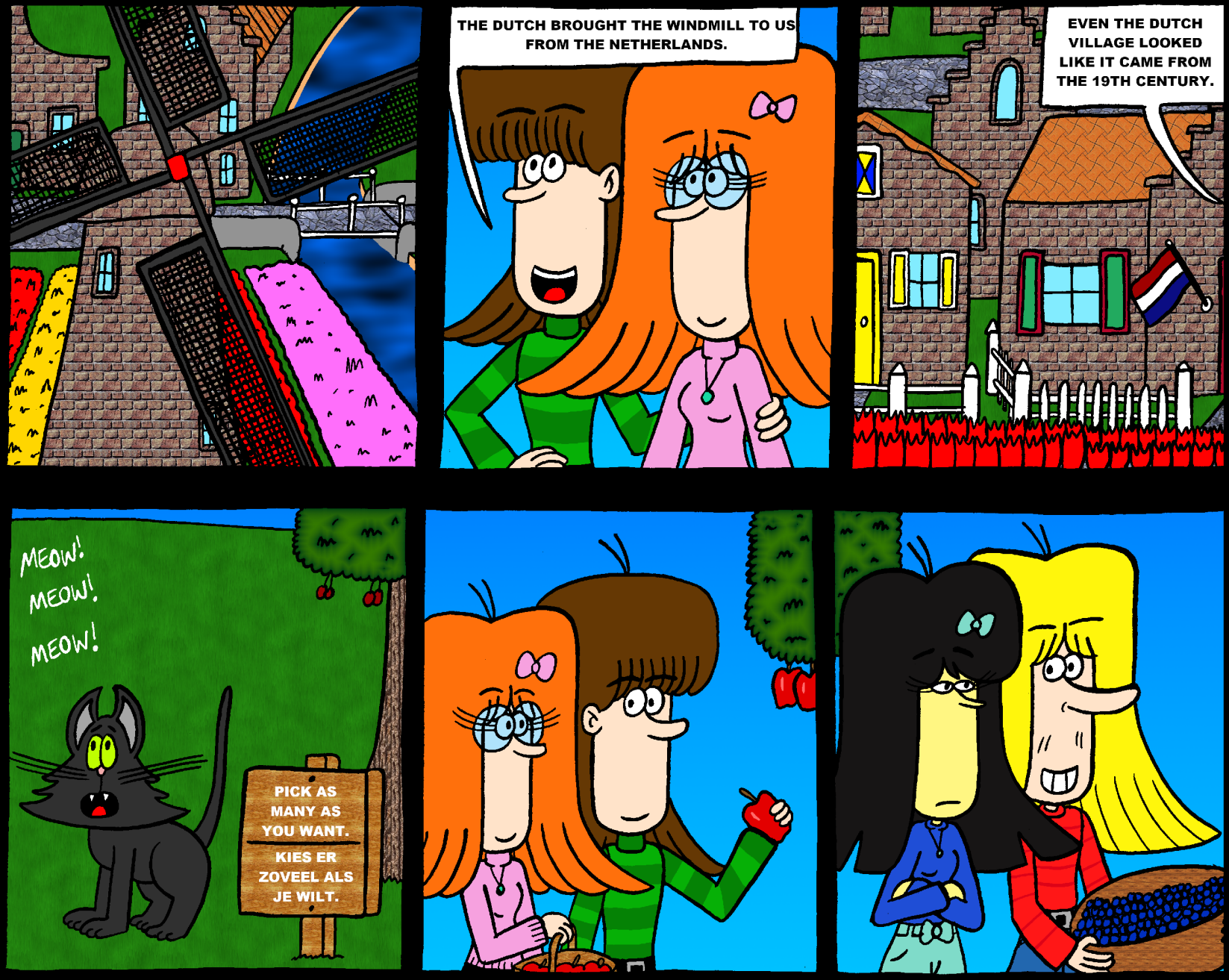


PSALM 108 (Douay-Rheims 1899 American Edition)

Unto the end, a psalm for David. O God, be not thou silent in my praise: for the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful man is opened against me. They have spoken against me with deceitful tongues; and they have compassed me about with words of hatred; and have fought against me without cause. Instead of making me a return of love, they detracted me: but I gave myself to prayer. And they repaid me evil for good: and hatred for my love. Set thou the sinner over him: and may the devil stand at his right hand. When he is judged, may he go out condemned; and may his prayer be turned to sin. May his days be few: and his bishopric let another take. May his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children be carried about vagabonds, and beg; and let them be cast out of their dwellings. May the usurer search all his substance: and let strangers plunder his labours. May there be none to help him: nor none to pity his fatherless offspring. May his posterity be cut off; in one generation may his name be blotted out. May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered in the sight of the Lord: and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. May they be before the Lord continually, and let the memory of them perish from the earth: because he remembered not to shew mercy, But persecuted the poor man and the beggar; and the broken in heart, to put him to death.

And he loved cursing, and it shall come unto him: and he would not have blessing, and it shall be far from him. And he put on cursing, like a garment: and it went in like water into his entrails, and like oil in his bones. May it be unto him like a garment which covereth him; and like a girdle with which he is girded continually. This is the work of them who detract me before the Lord; and who speak evils against my soul. But thou, O Lord, do with me for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is sweet. Do thou deliver me, for I am poor and needy, and my heart is troubled within me. I am taken away like the shadow when it declineth: and I am shaken off as locusts. My knees are weakened through fasting: and my flesh is changed for oil. And I am become a reproach to them: they saw me and they shaked their heads, Help me, O Lord my God; save me according to thy mercy. And let them know that this is thy hand: and that thou, O Lord, hast done it. They will curse and thou will bless: let them that rise up against me be confounded: but thy servant shall rejoice. Let them that detract me be clothed with shame: and let them be covered with the their confusion as with a double cloak. I will give great thanks to the Lord with my mouth: and in the midst of many I will praise him. Because he hath stood at the right hand of the poor, to save my soul from persecutors.

THESE BURGERS FROM GR TASTE GREAT!
THEY WON THE BEST BURGER AWARD BACK IN 2012.
WE MISS GRAND RAPIDS.
THESE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKES TASTE REALLY GOOD!
THESE COOKIES ARE FROM A HIPSTER BAKERY IN GR!
THESE WERE FROM EASTOWN, A NEIGHBORHOOD IN GRAND RAPIDS.
THESE HOT DOGS HAVE CHEESE ON TOP OF THEM.


THE DUTCH BROUGHT THE WINDMILL TO US FROM THE NETHERLANDS.
EVEN THE DUTCH VILLAGE LOOKED LIKE IT CAME FROM THE 19TH CENTURY.
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!
PICK AS MANY AS YOU WANT.
KIES ER ZOVEEL ALS JE WILT.

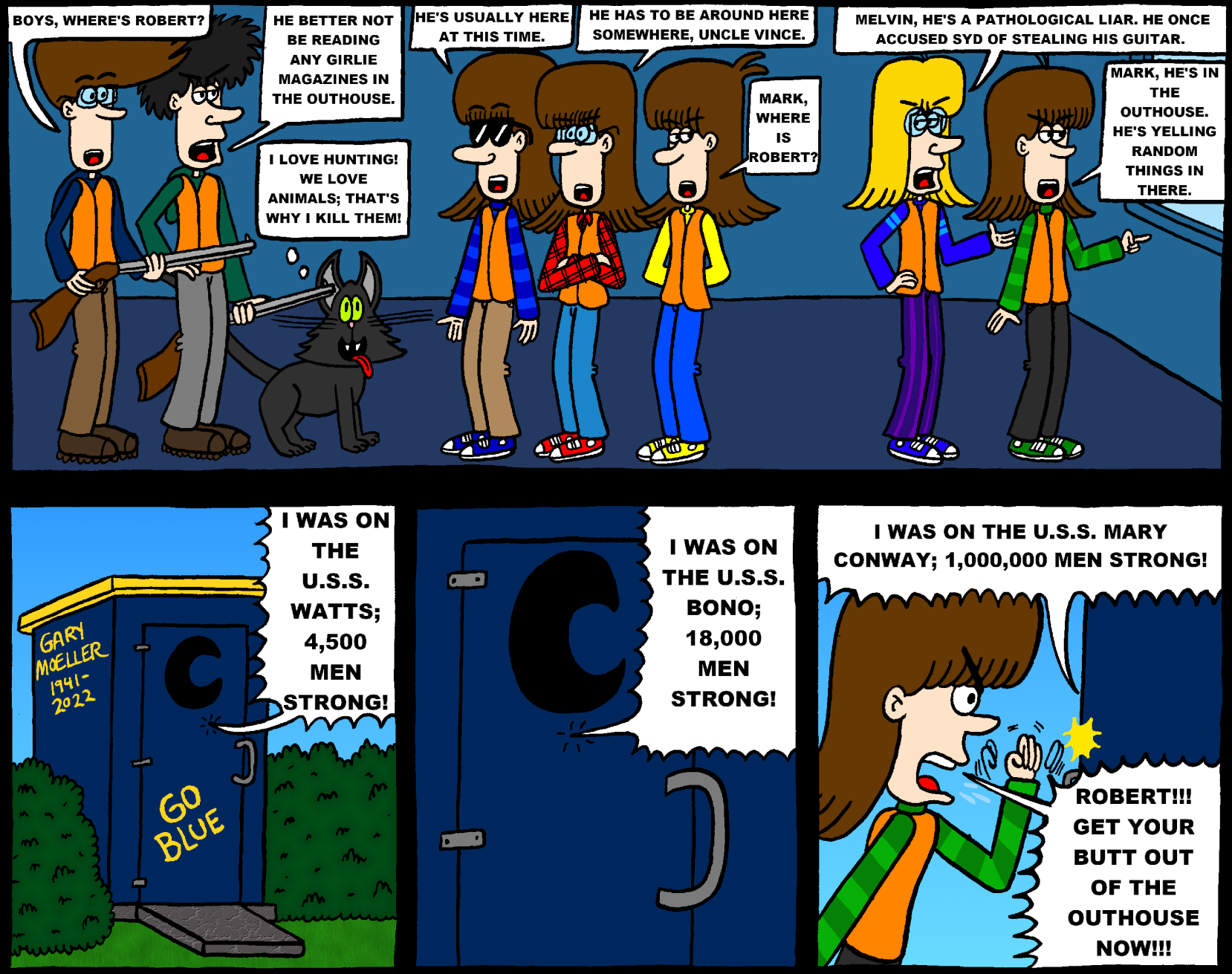
DON'T EVEN *THINK* ABOUT HUGGING THAT TREE!!!
I MISS MY CHILDHOOD IN GRAND RAPIDS...
WE'RE READY TO HEAD BACK TO THE VILLAGE.
ME TOO, CRAIG. I'M TIRED.
I GOT THESE TULIPS FOR MY PARENTS.
YOU HUGGED A TREE, SARA?!!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
I LOVE HUGGING TREES, GIRLS.
IS ALFIE OKAY, SYD?
I DON'T THINK SO, LILLY. HE MISSES HIS PLACE OF BIRTH: GRAND RAPIDS.
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!

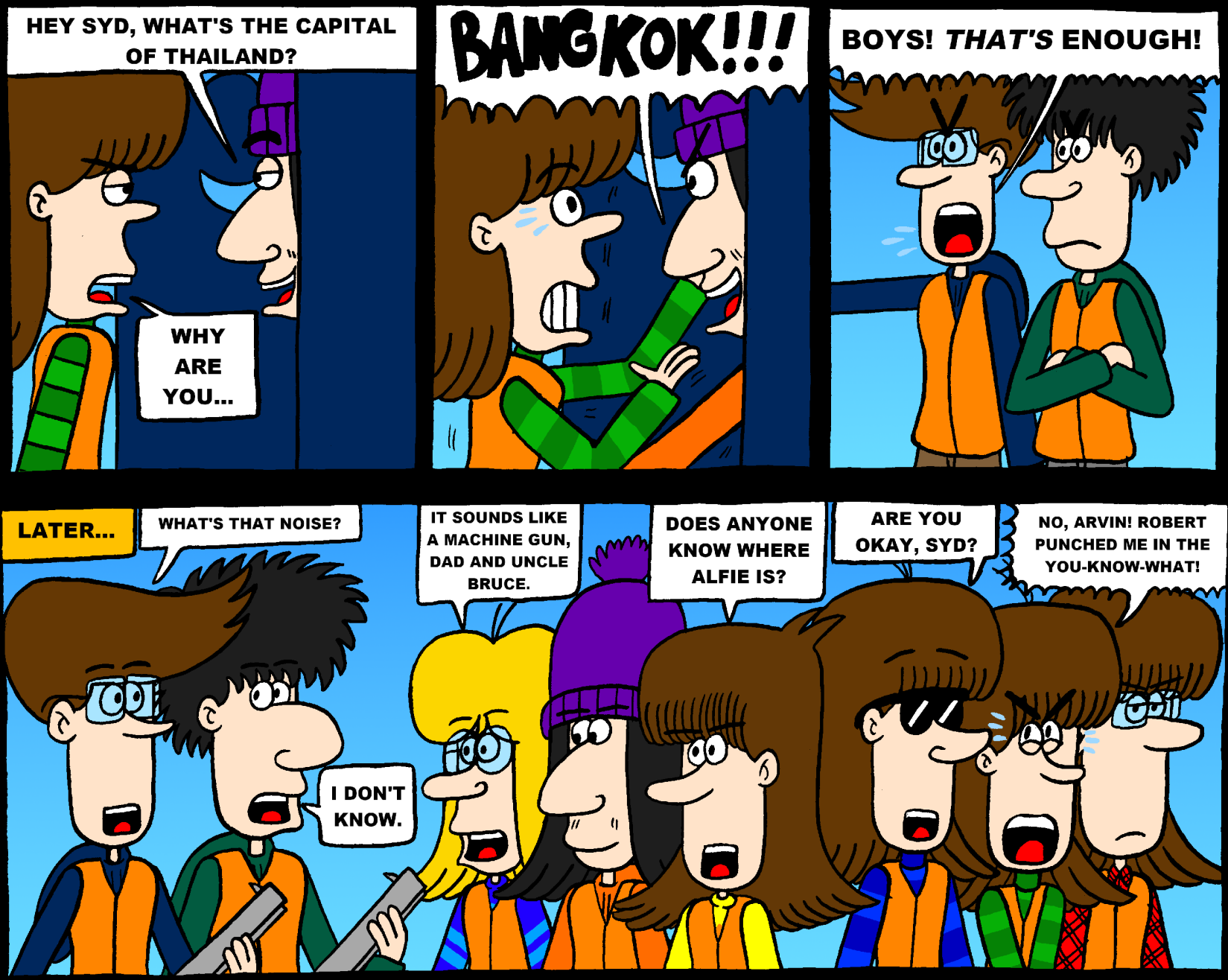
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!

I WAS BORN IN GRAND RAPIDS, BUT MY HUMAN OWNERS TOOK ME HOME TO THE ANN ARBOR AREA IN AN ECO-VILLAGE WHEN I WAS EIGHT WEEKS OLD! I MISS MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN GRAND RAPIDS!

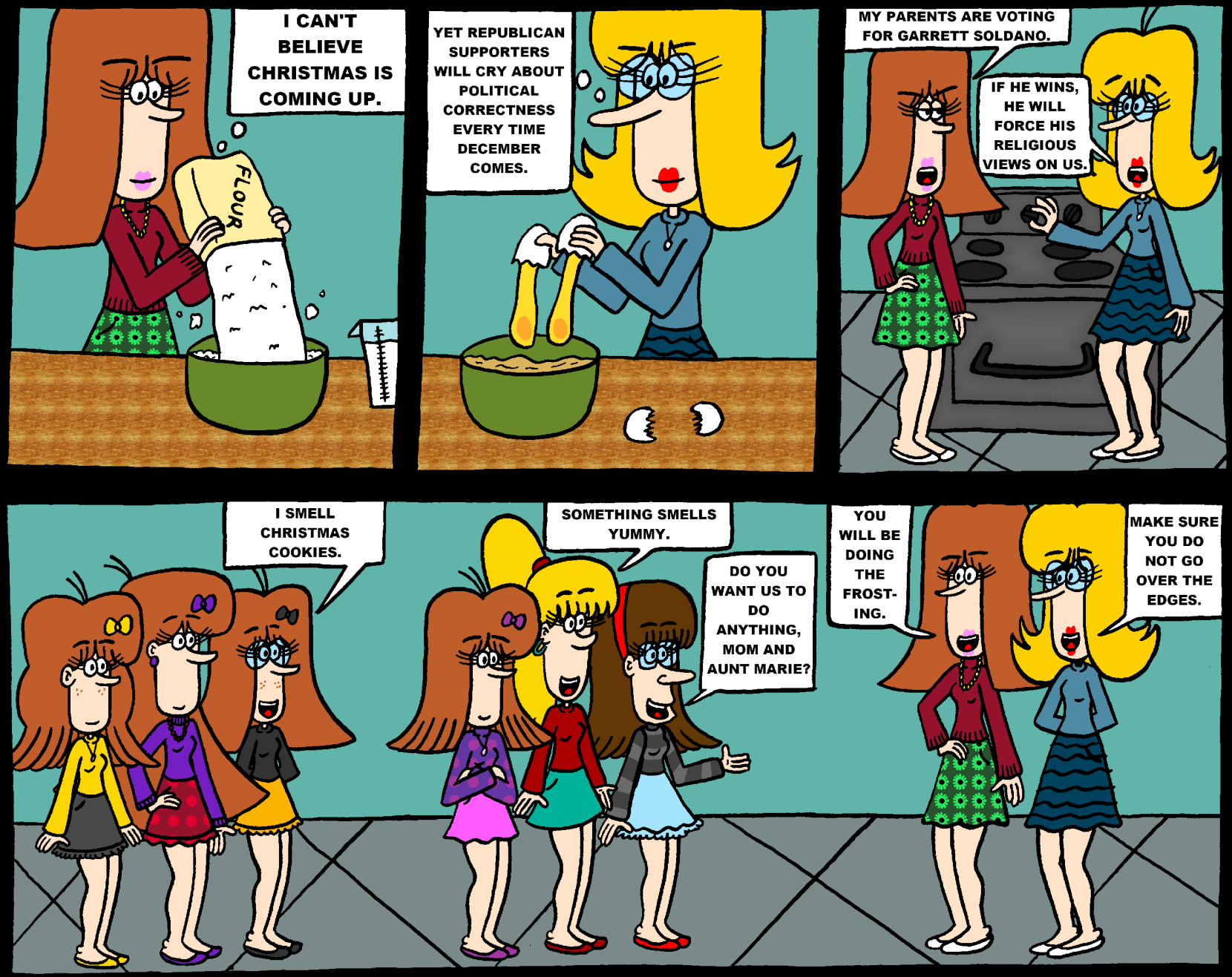
WAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!

WAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!


BOYS, WHERE'S ROBERT?
HE BETTER NOT BE READING ANY GIRLIE MAGAZINES IN THE OUTHOUSE.
I LOVE HUNTING! WE LOVE ANIMALS; THAT'S WHY I KILL THEM!
HE'S USUALLY HERE AT THIS TIME.
HE HAS TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE, UNCLE VINCE.
MARK, WHERE IS ROBERT?
MELVIN, HE'S A PATHOLOGICAL LIAR. HE ONCE ACCUSED SYD OF STEALING HIS GUITAR.
MARK, HE'S IN THE OUTHOUSE. HE'S YELLING RANDOM THINGS IN THERE.
GARY MOELLER 1941-2022
GO BLUE
I WAS ON THE U.S.S. WATTS; 4,500 MEN STRONG!
I WAS ON THE U.S.S. BONO; 18,000 MEN STRONG!
I WAS ON THE U.S.S. MARY CONWAY; 1,000,000 MEN STRONG!
ROBERT!!! GET YOUR BUTT OUT OF THE OUTHOUSE NOW!!!

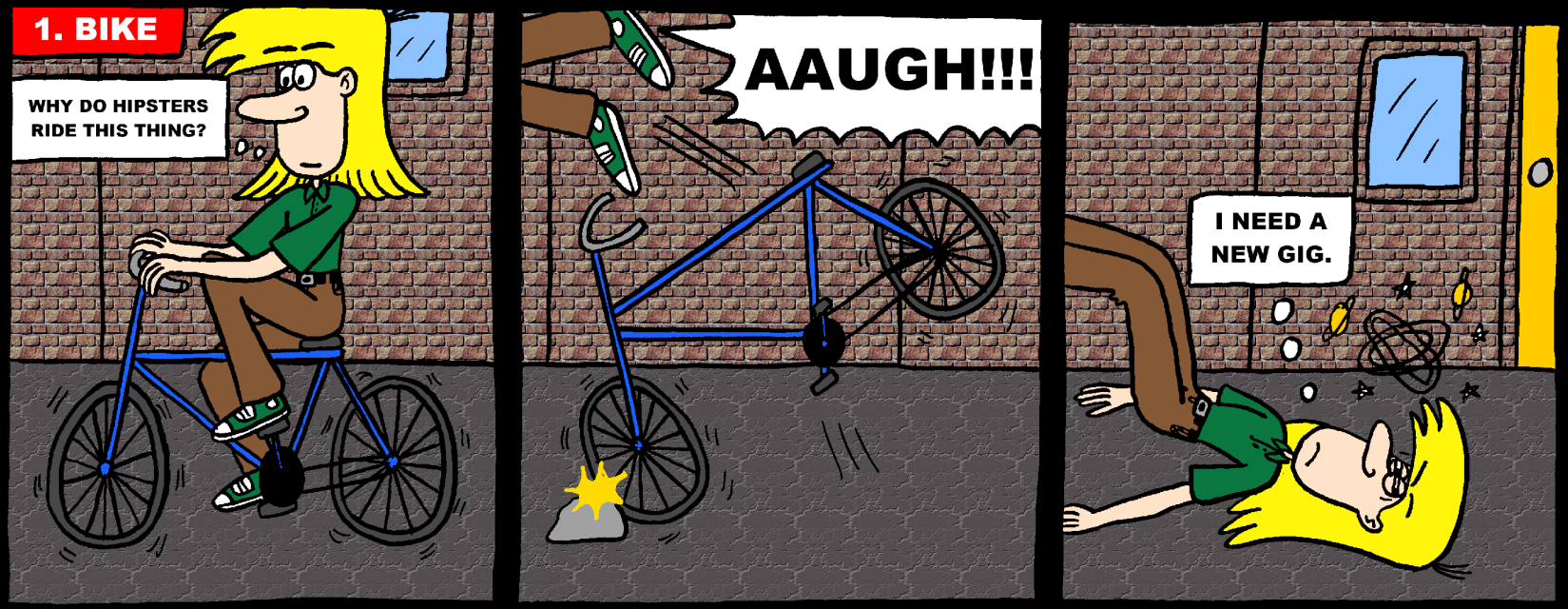

HEY SYD, WHAT'S THE CAPITAL OF THAILAND?
WHY ARE YOU...
BANGKOK!!!
BOYS! THAT'S ENOUGH!
LATER...
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
I DON'T KNOW.
IT SOUNDS LIKE A MACHINE GUN, DAD AND UNCLE BRUCE.
DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE ALFIE IS?
ARE YOU OKAY, SYD?
NO, ARVIN! ROBERT PUNCHED ME IN THE YOU-KNOW-WHAT!

I'M THE EVIL FAT BLACK CAT IN THIS ECO-VILLAGE! ALL THE PIGGIES WILL DIE! HA! HA! HA!
BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM!
THE SHOOTING IS COMPLETE. NOW, I WILL TACKLE THE PIG!
YOU WILL BE BACON ONCE I CUT YOU UP, YOU FAT PIG!
GRRRRRRRRR!!
ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY WASTED.
WE DIDN'T SHOOT ANY DEER THIS YEAR...
...BUT ALFIE GOT US A WEEK OF BACON.
GOOD BOY, ALFIE!
I AM KILLING A DEER NEXT YEAR!

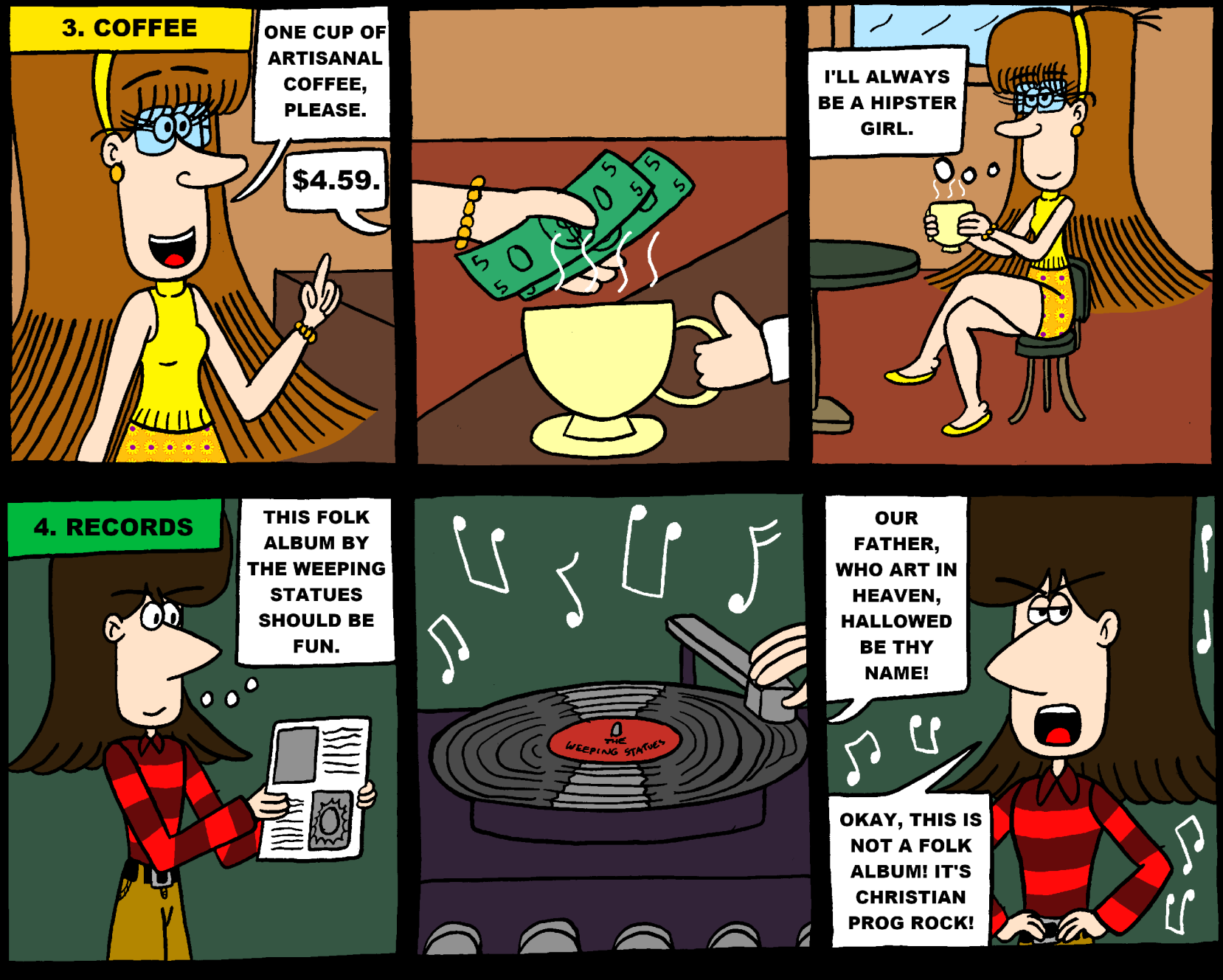

I CAN'T BELIEVE CHRISTMAS IS COMING UP.
FLOUR
YET REPUBLICAN SUPPORTERS WILL CRY ABOUT POLITICAL CORRECTNESS EVERY TIME DECEMBER COMES.
MY PARENTS ARE VOTING FOR GARRETT SOLDANO.
IF HE WINS, HE WILL FORCE HIS RELIGIOUS VIEWS ON US.
I SMELL CHRISTMAS COOKIES.
SOMETHING SMELLS YUMMY.
DO YOU WANT US TO DO ANYTHING, MOM AND AUNT MARIE?
YOU WILL BE DOING THE FROST-ING.
MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT GO OVER THE EDGES.

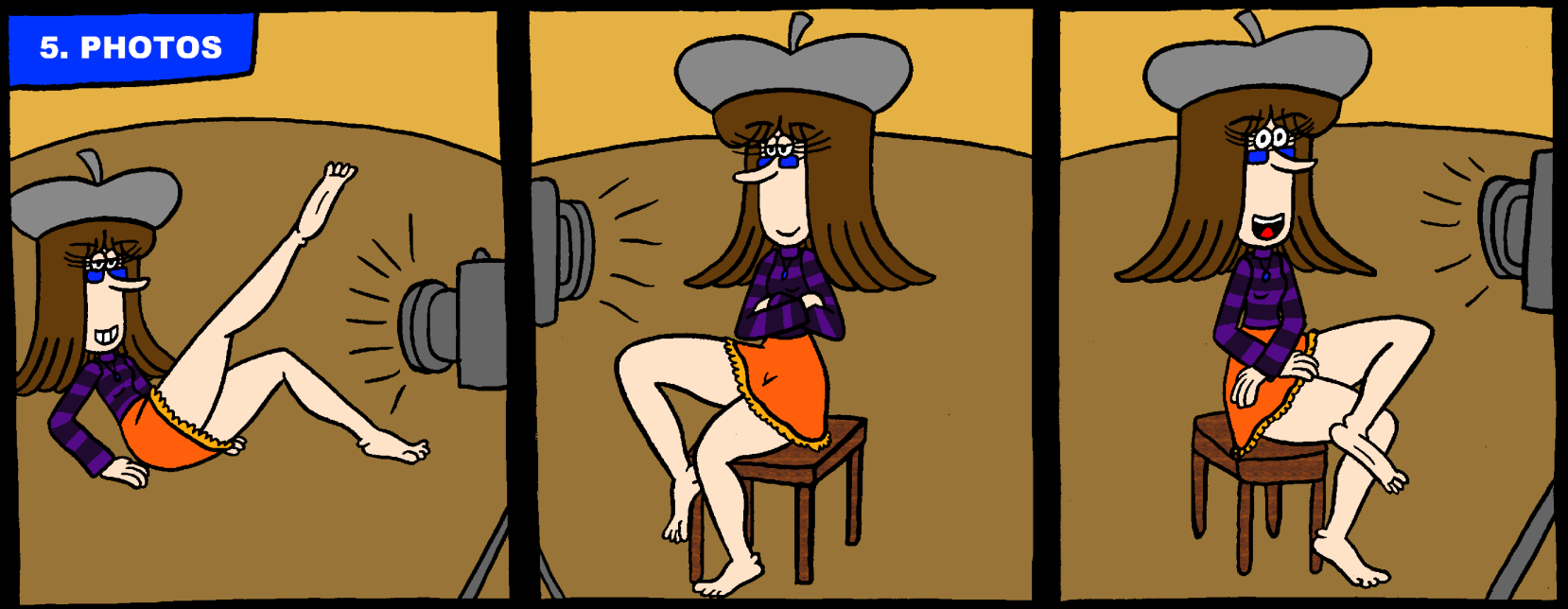
UH-OH...
TOO MUCH.
WHAT
A
MESS!

HEY, JACKIE.
YES, MARIE?
OUR DAUGHTERS MADE A MESS WITH THE FROSTING. THEY DID A HORRIBLE JOB HERE.
IF THEY MADE THIS MESS, THEY'RE EATING THESE COOKIES.
GIRLS! GET YOUR BUTTS DOWN HERE AND EAT THOSE COOKIES!
IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK IN THE CABIN. I SMELL COOKIES FROM HERE. I PLAN TO STEAL ONE.
WARD, DID YOU CATCH ANY DEER?
NO, I DIDN'T, HONEY.
VINCE, I HEARD A MACHINE GUN GO OFF EARLIER.
ALFIE WAS USING IT, JACKIE.
THIS COOKIE TASTES GOOD! WHOEVER USED ALL THAT FROSTING DID A GREAT JOB!


1. BIKE
WHY DO HIPSTERS RIDE THIS THING?
AAUGH!!!
I NEED A NEW GIG.

2. CRAFT BEER
AHHHH...


3. COFFEE
ONE CUP OF ARTISANAL COFFEE, PLEASE.
$4.59.
I'LL ALWAYS BE A HIPSTER GIRL.
4. RECORDS
THIS FOLK ALBUM BY THE WEEPING STATUES SHOULD BE FUN.
THE WEEPING STATUES
OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME!
OKAY, THIS IS NOT A FOLK ALBUM! IT'S CHRISTIAN PROG ROCK!


5. PHOTOS

6. ROCK BAND
WE'RE NOT HIPSTERS!
IT'S OVER!
THE DREAM IS OVER!
IF YOU WANT TO GO TO A HIPSTER CITY, GO TO EITHER GRAND RAPIDS, ROYAL OAK, OR ANN ARBOR!
HYBRID CARS

THANK YOU

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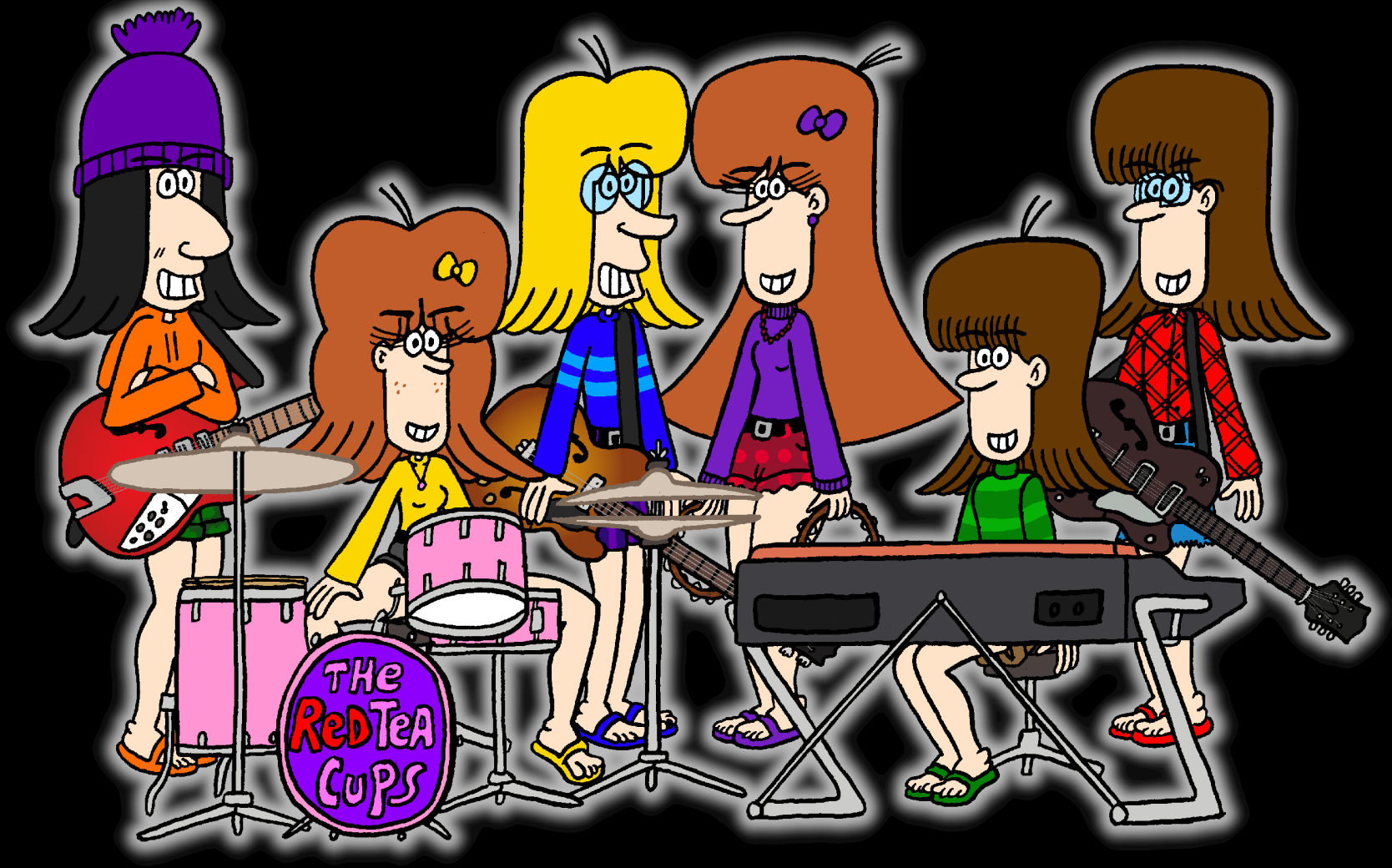

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